

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 27, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHAPEL — 11:00 A.M.
*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree — a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Your movement in our midst is like a basket of summer fruit — a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. AMEN.

GREETING Jeremy Poplin

PRELUDE *Jesus Saves* ARR. MARILYN REIMER
Jeremy Poplin and Barbara Salter, Piano

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Beth Ellington

Love of God and neighbor lie at the heart and center of our *One Story* today. Amos’ prophetic word of judgement is a response to the failure to love one’s neighbor. The prophet brings God’s warning against wealth inequality, leaving the poor without compassion, and failing to care for the community of faith. It hearkens to the question that Jesus was tasked with when some asked “who is my neighbor?” His response was to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan which illustrates vividly that we are to care for our neighbors with compassion and generosity. Today, we come and ask ourselves, “if we are the people of God, who is our neighbor?” The sinner, the saint, the outcast, the beloved, the oppressed, the stranger, the powerful, the poor, the wealthy. We all need God’s love and, we all need to love one another. Let us call ourselves to worship.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Ellington

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!
May the Lord our God be with us.
Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.
May the Lord our God show us grace.

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER Beth Ellington

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as**

**we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

*HYMN 382 *God, the Father of Your People* HOLY MANNA

PASTORAL PRAYER Jeremy Poplin

CALL TO CONFESSION Beth Ellington

We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness:
Jesus, God’s Son, our risen Savior. Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Beth Ellington

**God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things
that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and
wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us despite our
great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the
treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Beth Ellington

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens:
Jesus, God’s Son, our risen Savior. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 611 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY
(ABRIDGED)

OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Barbara Salter, Organ ARR. MILFORD

DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jeremy Poplin

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Lord of the Small*
Holly Poplin, Soprano; Barbara Salter, Piano DAN FORREST

SCRIPTURE READING	Amos 1:1-2; 2:6-8; 3:1-2, 12; 5:18-24; 7:12-15; 8:1-3 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Jeremy Poplin
MESSAGE	<i>One Story</i> With Privilege Comes Responsibility	Jeremy Poplin
*HYMN 605	<i>Because I Have Been Given Much</i>	SEMINARY
BENEDICTION		Jeremy Poplin
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!	EASTER HYMN
POSTLUDE	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i> Barbara Salter, Organ	ARR. FLEISCHER



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FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – APRIL 27, 2025

WELCOME GUESTS

We are always grateful to welcome guests who worship with us! Please complete the brief information card found in the pew rack, directly in front of you and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

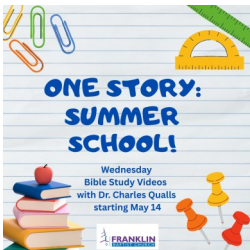
Help our church remain vital by continuing to give. Gifts can be made online on our website at franklinbaptist.org/onlinegiving or mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

FRANKLIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Franklin Cooperative Ministry will be collecting paper towels throughout the month of April. A roll of paper towels goes in every household bag they distribute.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday, the beauty of our Sanctuary shines through our livestreamed service and flowers on the Altar table. You can honor or remember a family member or friend by placing flowers on the Altar table. To reserve your preferred date, simply call the church office to be added to the Sunday Flower List.



ONE STORY: SUMMER SCHOOL

We're nearing our customary summer break where Wednesday nights are concerned. But what about our well-attended *One Story* studies?

Beginning **Wednesday, May 14th**, watch each week for *One Story*: Summer School! These brief video studies will give an overview of some new material that follows up the Sunday Sermon. There is no set time to "tune in," but they will drop each Wednesday. Watch at your leisure once they release.

Join Dr. Qualls each week as we continue with helpful background and fresh insights!



RELAY FOR LIFE YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

The Missions team is collecting items for the Relay For Life yard sale fundraiser. If you have items you would like to donate, please drop them off at Century 21 on Armory Drive, or contact Angela Denson or Debbie Carter. Yard sale spots are also available for \$20 each. Call Angela @ 757-562-2295 to reserve yours today! Join us at the yard sale on May 3rd from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ Century 21!



Scholarship applications for members of Franklin Baptist Church can be mailed or emailed to you by calling or emailing Eliza Rainey, scholarship committee chair, 757-562-2949, 757-377-7523 or epr321@charter.net.

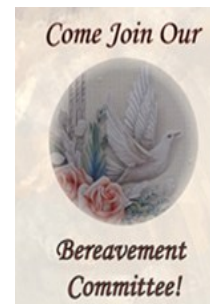
The deadline for returning applications is Wednesday, May 28th.

If the application is emailed to you, please print it out, complete it and return with documents by mail to:

Eliza Rainey

321 Meadow Lane

Franklin, VA 23851



BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Bereavement Committee, led by Jo Culpepper, is composed of three teams who plan and prepare the event. Work involves preparing the food, setting up for the event, serving, as well as cleanup. Both men and women are needed! If you are willing to help, please call the church office so that you can be added to the group.

Franklin Baptist Presents

An Organ Concert

Fantasias, Toccatas, and a Carillon

Sunday, May 4th at 2PM in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!

Featuring Organist
Dr. Barbara Salter



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Johnny Avent, John Gregory Avent (Johnny Avent's son),
Beverly Brown, Betty Jo Ipock (Jo Culpepper's cousin),
Glenda Jervey, Tamara Sloop (Avis and Martin Shockley's
daughter), Bette Whitley (Jim Whitley's sister-in-law)

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Gerald Elks,
who passed away on April 19, 2025.

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship	11:00 am	Chapel
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Endowment Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Conference Room
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TUESDAY, APRIL 29

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

THURSDAY, MAY 1

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room