

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 16, 2025
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day, and you promise to journey with me through the hours. I thank you for the breath and strength I have, and I ask your help that I may use my gifts wisely and with compassion toward everyone I meet. Let my questions today be a form of pruning to bring forth in me new understandings, healing, and good fruit; in Jesus' name. AMEN.

GREETING Jeremy Poplin

PRELUDE J.S. BACH
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Barbara Salter, Organ

THE CALL TO COME AND WORSHIP Ryan Fisher

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Ryan Fisher
As members of Christ's tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to God.
As members of Christ's tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to one another.
As members of Christ's tree of life,
we strengthen our connection through worship.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Ryan Fisher

**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 438 EBENEZER
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER Jeremy Poplin

CALL TO CONFESSION Ryan Fisher

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore, let us come together and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ryan Fisher

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail
to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the
power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Ryan Fisher

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.
This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 171 WONDROUS LOVE
What Wondrous Love Is This

OFFERTORY J.S. BACH
Savior of the Nations, Come
Barbara Salter, Organ

*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

ANTHEM RALPH MANUEL
God Is Love
Chancel Choir; Barbara Salter, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremy Poplin

1 John 1:1-4; 3:1-3; 4:7-12, 16-21; 5:3-5;
2 John 6; 3 John 11
Pew Bible New Testament, Pages 238, 240, 241, 242, 243
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *One Story* Jeremy Poplin
A Stubborn Abiding Love

*HYMN 440 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE

BENEDICTION Jeremy Poplin

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him* HOLY MANNA

Christians, let us go and serve him, serve the one who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve him, now and through eternity.

POSTLUDE *Fugue* M. DUPRE
Barbara Salter, Organ



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Livesay, by their family.



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Dr. Charles L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*

Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Dr. Barbara Salter, *Organist*

Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM – 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM

Facebook Live and YouTube @ 11:00 AM

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 laundry detergent during the month of November.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

The church office will be closed the following days for the Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 26th - Closing at Noon, Thursday and Friday, November 27th and November 28th - Office Closed. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



FAITH ON DRAFT – NOVEMBER 18TH

6:30 PM at Serve (Special Events Room)

Topic: What IS the Proper Relationship between Grace and Works?

Come about 5:00 PM for an enjoyable meal. If you haven't joined the Facebook Group "Faith on Draft-Franklin", please join us.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 17th.** The dinner is a covered dish with the church providing beverages, paper products and serving utensils. There is no charge for this meal.



HANGING OF THE GREEN

Sunday, November 30th after Worship in the Atrium

Come and join us for fellowship and festive music as we celebrate the beginning of a wondrous season!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following events. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 757-562-5135.

- Decorating the fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving Meal: Thursday, November 20th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- Decorating the church for Advent: Monday, November 24th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Decorations include: Chrismon Tree, Banners, Garland and Candles.



MISSIONS TEAM – ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Missions Team is kicking off our 2025 "Angel Tree" Christmas project. This year we are partnering with the FOP Trooper Hill Toy Drive, which works in combination with the Salvation Army, to provide toys to families in Franklin/Southampton County. This will allow us to have a more local, hands-on approach in our area.

The church will be accepting monetary donations during the month of November and we will make the contributions to the group. Please mark your check with "Missions" in the memo line. You can also make a donation online at our website. Click on the Angel Tree Tab.

Members of the "Jeepers" will purchase toys with the donations. If you would like to help with the purchasing, we can pass on your name to Holly Inman, the overall



YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2025 must be received by December 31, 2025. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Anyone interested in donating stock to the church prior to the end of the year may use our accounts at Wells Fargo or Edward Jones in Franklin. If you have any questions, please call Bill Howell at 757-650-8893.



PRAYER CONCERNS

William Brown (Beverly and Charlie Brown's son),
Donna Evans, Johnson Scarboro, Rachel Tayloe

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Sunday School	9:45 am	SS Classrooms
Worship (also FB Live/YouTube/Radio)	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Coffee	12:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

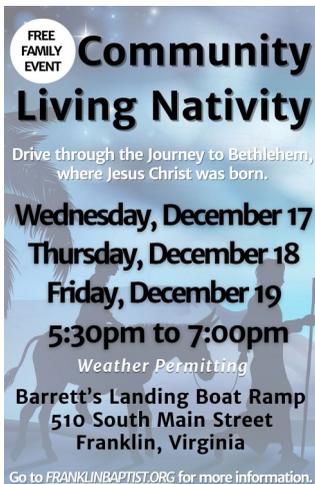
Wednesday Morning Bible Study	11:00 am	The Village
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study	6:15 pm	Fellowship Hall
Christmas Choir Rehearsals	7:00 pm	Choir Room
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Decorating FH for Thanksgiving Meal	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

ALTAR FLOWERS

We only have ONE Sunday available for the rest of the year (November 30th). Call the church office to reserve this date.

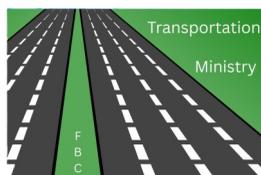


LIVING NATIVITY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Community Living Nativity event will be held on December 17th, 18th, and 19th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

There are still opportunities to volunteer.

Please contact Nancy Hopkins (757-651-9088), Eliza Rainey (757-377-7523), or Billie Turner (757-651- 9137) for ways your assistance can help bring this gift to the community. Mark your calendars and spread the word!



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Franklin Baptist's deacon transportation ministry is seeking drivers to assist church members in need of healthcare transportation. If you are willing to help provide this valuable service to our church family, please share your contact information with the church office or

Greg Jackson (757-647-9411), chair of the deacon caregivers' support committee. When a request is received, Greg will notify volunteers of the opportunity to serve.