

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Jackie Arrington, William Brown (Beverly and Charlie Brown's son),  
Betty Edwards, Beth Seymour (Kaye Wade's cousin), Kaye Wade

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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, MARCH 30

Staff Meeting	9:00 am	Conference Room
JuBELLation Ringers	6:00 pm	Ringers Room

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room
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#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room
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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

High Street Seniors	10:00 am	Community Room
Seder Meal	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
AA Group	7:00 pm	Community Room

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Tenebrae Service	7:00 pm	Chapel
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#### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES – EASTER BREAK

There will be NO morning bible study, evening bible study, dinners or Chancel Choir on April 1st or April 8th for our Easter break.

All Wednesday Activities will resume again on April 15th.

*One Story Symphony*

A MUSICAL  
CELEBRATION OF  
DIVINE LOVE

*Premiere Performance*  
March 29, 2026

FEATURING:  
**CHANCEL CHOIR, SOLOISTS, WOMEN'S QUARTET  
& ORCHESTRA**

CREATED AND ARRANGED BY:  
**JEREMY M. POPLIN**

 **FRANKLIN**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the humbled and rejected, you did not exploit your divine position of power but, faithful in your love, came as a human to live among us, spending your life with outcasts and sinners and opening the gates that long had been closed. You were mocked and insulted, denied and betrayed, spat upon and beaten, convicted and crucified for claiming a kin-dom of the lost and forsaken. Make us bold to follow you and make us ready to stand for justice, righteousness, and peace. In the name of Jesus we pray, AMEN.

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Charles Qualls

## *One Story Symphony*

### I.

### God's Love Through Creation

Our journey begins! A quest, a pilgrimage, a road we travel together to see and experience our holy book in a new and powerful way – as *one story*. And so, it begins...

Once upon a time...any good story begins with that phrase causing us to lean in, to capture the moment, to anticipate what comes next. Scripture begins with its own "once upon a time." "In the beginning" sets the stage for the story, for the *one story*. In the beginning we see a God who puts things together, who orders the world, who creates humanity in the image of God the Creator. In the beginning we experience a God who calls us to join in this glorious and splendid creation. Listen for God's word calling forth creation. Listen for God's word working with power and majesty. Listen for God's word speaking blessings. Listen for God's word in this moment, in the beginning.

In the beginning...God. In the beginning...God's Spirit. In the beginning...God's Word. In the beginning...God's Light. In the beginning...a new day. A new beginning for every day. God's gift of creation.



Come and join us for the

# SEDER MEAL

April 2nd at 6PM  
in the Fellowship Hall


Please make your reservation  
by March 23rd



# Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

April 3rd at 7PM  
in the Chapel



# Easter Sunday Worship

April 5th at 11AM

It's a time of jubilation!  
The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Come and join us for a  
joyous worship celebration!



*All We Like Sheep*

LATIN MASS/RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

*All we like sheep have gone astray, each one to his own way.  
Kyrie, eleison (Lord have mercy). Christe eleison (Christ have mercy).*

John 1:1

NRSV/JEREMY M. POPLIN

*In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God.  
And the Word was God!*

*This Is My Father's World*

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK/TERRA PATRIS

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
all nature sing and round me rings, the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise!*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

NRSV/JEREMY M. POPLIN

*Hear, O Israel the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart,  
and with all of your mind, and with all of your might!*

*\*All Creatures of Our God and King*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## II.

### God's Love Through Faithfulness and Provision

Wisdom, the nature of God, and our connection with God all peek out of the writings and the prophets. In the Psalms, poetry and music give voice to emotions and moments that have difficulty finding words. In the writings, hyperbole and metaphor meet to craft the nature of God and the nature of the divine's relationship with God's people. The writers of these songs, hymns, canticles, and expressions give glory to God, express sorrow and pain, rejoice in God's favor, and shout praise to the Most High! The writers of the wisdom literature hearken us to hear the voice of God. And the prophets remind us of the love of God, God's help, God's guidance, and God's provision in times of tribulation.

From the call of the Lord as Shepherd to the resounding prophecy of the one who shall be called the Most High, God's love continues to permeate all aspects of this *one story*.

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

CHARLES WESLEY/ABERYSTWYTH

Holly Poplin, Melody Tayloe, Elizabeth Qualls, Kathy Roberts, Women's Quartet

*Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help on Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity!*

*I Lift My Eyes*

DREW M. POPLIN & JEREMY M. POPLIN

Charles Qualls, Tenor

*I enter in your sanctuary to praise your holy name,  
but Lord, my heart is tired and weary I'm resting on your grace.  
I lift my eyes to hills, I lift my hands for you're my help,  
I lift my voice for you alone are worthy, I'm resting on your grace.*

## FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH – MARCH 29, 2026

### 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](http://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 shampoo and toothpaste during the month of April.



### HELP US RENOVATE THE ORGAN!

In a March 18 Called Business Meeting, the church enthusiastically endorsed spending a minimum of \$400,000 to replace the Organ Console.

- \$395,000 to replace our current console OR
- \$492,000 to replace the current console and add Antiphonal capability from the balcony, which will enhance congregational singing, if funding exists.

To date, we already have \$375,000 committed. This includes a \$100,000 lead gift from one family. Won't you help us complete the project? The **deadline for contributions is May 3rd**, as we must go under contract as soon as possible.

**Please make checks payable to Franklin Baptist Church with "Organ Renovation" in the Memo line.**

From the Composer

*With gratitude and thanksgiving*

*To the masters: Vaughn-Williams, Handel, Debussy, Brahms, Barber, and Elgar  
whose harmonic and melodic threads help form the musical tapestry of this work.  
And to the Master and Creator of all who inspires and reveals through the creative process.  
Soli deo gloria! (To God be the glory!)*

*This work is dedicated to my church family and Chancel Choir at Franklin Baptist Church,  
our organist, Dr. Barbara Salter,  
and to my Pastor and friend, Dr. Charles Qualls.*



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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

*Creator, you will satisfy me when all hope is lost.  
For you have promised you will save me, I'm trusting in your word!  
I lift my eyes to hills, I lift my hands for you're my help,  
I lift my voice for you alone are worthy, I'm resting on your grace.*

*Whom have I in heaven but you Lord, there is none but Christ!  
My strength, my hope, my refuge, you alone can save!*

*I lift my eyes to hills, I lift my hands for you're my help,  
I lift my voice for you alone are worthy, I'm resting on your grace.*

*And on that day when you will call me out of this dark place.  
In the presence of your glory I'll see you face to face.  
I lift my eyes to hills, I lift my hands for you're my help,  
I lift my voice for you alone are worthy, I'm resting on your grace.*

*Be Thou My Vision*

TRADITIONAL IRISH/JEREMY M. POPLIN

Karen Poplin, Alto

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day, or thought by night. Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in my dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always!*

*High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joy, or bright heaven's sun.*

*Heart of my own heart whatever be fall still by my vision, still be my vision, O ruler of all!*

*\*It Is Well With My Soul*

PHILIP BLISS/HORATIO SPAFFORD

**When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "it is well, it is well, with my soul."  
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul!**

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord!**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul!**

**And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.**

**The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul!**

**It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul!**

*The Lord Is Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 33:14-16)*

NRSV/JEREMY M. POPLIN

*The days are surely coming says the Lord, when he will fulfill the promise made to house of Judah.*

*In those days he shall cause a righteous branch to spring up in the house of David.*

*And he shall bring justice and righteousness into the land.*

*In those days Judah will be saved. And it shall be called the Lord is our righteousness.*

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

### III.

#### God's Love Through Jesus Christ

Moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament is more than just a quick turn of the page. From the final words of Malachi to the opening statement of Matthew's gospel over 400 years of history has taken place. Shrouded in political and religious turmoil, we find in this gap a people longing for unity, stability, and freedom. We come to see that through the takeovers and wars that humanity was primed for the coming of a single voice that would usher in a way to experience a God of hope, peace, and love. Christ gave what the world needed most, a God who was concerned for humanity so much that he was willing to suffer on our behalf; a God able to overcome evil and death; a God who is a loving parent and redeemer; a God who is perfect truth and perfect love.

*For Unto Us A Child is Born (from Messiah)*

G.F. HANDEL

*For unto us a child is born! And his name shall be called:*

*Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

### PROGRAM NOTES

In March of 2024, I was approached by Charles about the possibility of doing a sermon series through the whole Bible. I was intrigued and immediately said, "yes, let's do it!" Over the course of five months, we plotted out the series. Tackling an entire book of scripture each week, we determined that every element in the life of our church would be affected by this massive undertaking. From the words spoken on Sunday morning through the litanies, scriptures and prayers, to the anthems and hymns sung, each element of worship would flow through the central theme and principle in each "chapter" of this "One Story". Our Wednesday night Bible studies would dive deeper into the texts as we would examine, study, and learn more and more about our sacred book. Our missional understanding and heart for our community would be enhanced by this series and driven by our love for Christ and our love for God's people.

As we prepared to take the congregation through this series, we knew that the singular thread that was woven throughout this "One Story" was the divine, abiding, and stubborn love of God for God's people.

When we began planning the closure of "One Story", we felt that we needed a grand musical celebration—something that would bring it all together. This work is the result of that planning. The One Story Symphony tells the unifying message of divine love that we find throughout our holy book.

The first movement speaks of God's love through creation (Genesis—Deuteronomy). The second movement talks about God's love through God's faithfulness and provision (the writings and prophets). Jesus Christ is the central theme of the third movement as we tell the story of his birth, death, and resurrection (Gospels). Finally, the fourth movement celebrates the love that God has for God's people (Paul's epistles—Revelation).

In creating this work, it has been my goal to make this not so much a concert work, but a worship celebration for the entire congregation. As a result of this desire, each movement ends with a familiar congregational hymn.

This series has been one of the greatest joys in my personal and spiritual life, and one of the most rewarding in my professional career. My hope is that you find renewed meaning and spiritual understanding as you experience the "One Story" of God's amazing love.

~Jeremy Poplin

*\*Amazing Grace*

JOHN NEWTON/NEW BRITAIN

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see!**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun!**

AMEN!

BENEDICTION

Charles Qualls

ORCHESTRA

**Clarinet**

Margaret Albrecht

**Flute**

Wayla Chambo

**Oboe**

Grace Huntoon

**Horn**

Sam Hay

**Trumpets**

Roy Muth

Mark Oates

**Trombones**

Mike Hall

Chris Espy

**Timpani**

Reid Stockdill

**Organ**

Barbara Salter

**Violins**

Johnathan Spence

Jake Roege

**Viola**

Jocelyn Smith

**Cello**

Jeff Phelps

**Double Bass**

Scott Harris

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

MUNSTER GESANGBUCH/CRUSADER'S HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

LITURGY OF ST. JAMES (5<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)/PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spread its vanguard on the way.  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day.  
That the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia!"  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence.*

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

SIITH MEAD'S GENERAL SELECTION/WONDROUS LOVE

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down.  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for  
my soul. Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the lamb who is the great I AM! While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!  
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart and  
with all of your mind and with all of your might.  
And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

\*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ISSAC WATTS/HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing so divine! Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

*Alleluia!***IV.****God's Love For God's People**

Moving beyond the biography of Christ, the next chapter is best described as a biography of the birth of the church, the birth of Christianity. The risen Christ sets the stage for this birth followed by the powerful rushing wind of the Holy Spirit. And it is through the work of the Spirit that we see the cast of characters for this part of the story take their places as they travel, preach, and testify to the love and goodness of the resurrected Lord. From the first century to our century, the church has endured in the Lord Christ. Christ and culture collide. Sometimes the Christians are flimsy, faulty, feeble, fumbling, failing. They bumble, mumble, and stumble along the way. Sometimes they are magnificent. They are loving the hard to love, reaching the unreachable, touching the untouchable, teaching the unteachable, making somebodies out of what the world would describe as nobodies. No matter their stumbling or mumbling or failing or falling, they are sustained by a simple truth: their life is Christ's life. They are men and women "in Christ." As we continue on our journey living into *the story*, the *one story*, may we live lives "in Christ." May we show the world what it is to live as Christ lived, love as Christ loved.

*O Lord, our God arise! The cause of truth maintain, and wide o'er all the peopled world.  
Extend thy blessed reign, extend thy blessed reign O God!*

*Thou prince of life arise! Nor let thy glory cease; far spread the conquest of thy grace,  
and bless the earth with peace.*

*O Holy Ghost arise! Expand Thy quickening wing, and oe'er a dark and ruined world  
Let light and order spring, let light and order spring, O God!*

*All on the earth arise! All on the earth arise!**To God the Savior we sing, to God the Savior we sing!**From shore to shore from earth to heaven; from shore to shore from earth to heaven**Let anthems ring! O Lord our God arise! Arise! Arise!**Amazing Love, Amazing Grace*

CHARLES WESLEY/JEREMY M. POPLIN

Holly Poplin, Soprano

*And can it be that I should gain. An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
He left his father's throne above. So free to infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
Amazing love! How can it be? That Thou my God would die for me?  
'Tis mercy all immense and free, O praise my God it reaches me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay. Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine.  
My chains are gone! My heart is free! I rise go forth and follow thee!  
Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown of Christ my own!*

*Amazing love! How can it be? That Thou my God would die for me?  
Amazing love, amazing grace!*

*My chains are gone! My heart is free! I rise go forth and follow thee!  
Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown of Christ my own!  
Amazing love! How can it be? That Thou, my God, that Thou, my God would die for me?  
Amazing love, amazing grace!*