

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Sussex Carol* STEVEN R. GIBSON
Steve Gibson, Organist

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!**

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Jim Walton

**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.**

*CAROL 112 *Child in the Manger* BUNESSAN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Candle of Love Calvin Carter

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 39:1-2; 9

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry to her,
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings,

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* BAUGH

**Hope, peace, joy, and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
light of Your love, reflected in me.**

PRAYER

SOLO *What Songs Were Sung* JOHN JACOB NILES
Calvin Carter, Tenor Soloist

We cannot tell, we do not know
what stars shone down so long ago,
when Mary birthed her own sweet son,
and peace and love became as one.

The Son of God, as scriptures said,
was Virgin born in a tiny shed,
where simple shepherds stood hard by
while heavenly sound filled up the sky.

Now let us stand, uncovered all,
before this crèche in lowly stall,
where kings and angels dignify,
God's gift, His Son, in humility.

We do not know, we cannot tell
what starlit fell,
or why the holy mystery stands
for so many years in so many lands.

We cannot tell, we do not know
what stars shone down so long ago,
when Mary birthed her own sweet Son,
and peace and love became as one.

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*CAROL 124 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

OFFERTORY *Polish Carol* SANDRA K. TUCKER
Steve Gibson, Organist

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Born in our darkness, He is Light; born in our weakness, He is Might.
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication Charles Qualls

ANTHEM *Every Valley* JOHN NESS BECK
Chancel Choir

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain made low,
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places made plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh
shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
(Isaiah 40: 4-5)

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 5:2-5a Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament Page 865
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON What did Micah Want? Charles Qualls

*CAROL 107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Emmanuel* MCGEE

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

VOLUNTARY *Go Tell It* STEVEN R. GIBSON
Steve Gibson, Organist

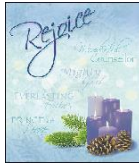
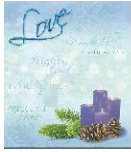
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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER
Charles. L. Qualls, *Sr. Pastor*
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM

Advent Calendar



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

Once in Royal David's City...(Celebrating Grace, # 104)

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2018

Pre-Service Music – 3:45 PM

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 4:30 PM

On Christmas night the angels sing to hear the news the angels bring... (Celebrating Grace, # 133)

December 30th

Worship in the Chapel – 11:00 AM
No Sunday School Classes

Upcoming Events

January 6	Early Worship Returns Communion at both services	8:45 am	Chapel
January 7	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 pm	Conference Rm.
January 8	Blood Drive	11:30 am to 5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
January 9	Wednesday Activities Resume		
January 14	JuBELLation Ringers Resume	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
January 14	Administrative Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Conference Rm.
January 20	Deacon Ordination and Installation	11:00 am	Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Fannie Bristow, Mac Edwards, Richard Edwards,
Louise Hedgepeth, Top Hedgepeth, Roland Jernigan,
Joyce Kaplan, Jean Mills, Marion Poole, Dot Saunders, Bill Scarboro

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Fellowship Coffee will return on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Next Sunday, December 30, 2018, the Worship Service will be held in the Chapel at 11:00 AM. Sunday School Classes and Friends, Food and Fun will resume on January 6, 2019.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 23

Friends, Food and Fun	9:30 am	Middle School Classroom
Bible Study	9:45 am	
Sunday School for Children/Youth	10:00 am	
Worship	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Youth Christmas Party	6:00 pm	Russell's House

Monday, December 24

Church Office Closed		
Pre-Service Music	3:45 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	4:30 pm	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25

Church Office Closed		
AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed		
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room



The church office will be closed the following days:

Christmas: December 24th, 25th and 26th

New Year's: January 1, 2019

Regular office hours resume January 2, 2019.

Franklin Baptist Church – December 23, 2018

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.

Worship

Franklin Baptist Church offers two services. Our casual service is at 8:45 AM in the Chapel; and our traditional service is at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. **The early service will return again on January 6, 2019.**

Christmas Eve Service:

3:45 PM – Pre-Service Music

4:30 PM – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 30th: 11:00 AM - Worship in the Chapel.
No Sunday School Classes

Missions

Coat Drive: Thank you everyone who donated a coat or made a monetary donation to the coat drive. It was a resounding success. The young adults were very happy, excited and appreciative. Your participation in this mission was greatly appreciated.

Youth Activities

The youth are sponsoring a holiday greeting mailbox. Simply bring your holiday cards and place them in the mailbox near the library. The youth will “sticker stamp” and sort your mail for fellow church members for 25 cents a card. **Be sure to check to see if you have mail!**

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2018 **must be received** by December 31, 2018. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Tayloe at 562-5135.

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.



Franklin Baptist Church 3D keepsake ornaments are on sale for \$10.00 each. You can pay for and pick them up at the church office. Please make checks payable to Franklin Cooperative Ministry. For more information, contact the church office at 757-562-5135.



Wednesday activities will resume on **January 9, 2019.**

Friends, Food and Fun will resume on **January 6, 2019.**



January Bible Study for Adults
Short Stories by Jesus: *The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* - 4 weeks (January 9-30)

We'll explore a few selections where Jesus teaches in a most compelling way. Our study will be shaped by, but not beholden to, the book of the same title, along with video supplements by the author, esteemed scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.