

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Baby Dedication Sunday

March 14, 2021

Prayer for Preparation for Worship

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greeting

Charles Qualls

Voluntary

Ah, Holy Jesus
George Corbett, Oboe; Steve Gibson, Organ

Charles Callahan

Responsive Call to Worship

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints.

Steve Gibson

We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.

Charles Qualls

We protest the problems of our world, but do not actively work to address them.

Steve Gibson

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.

Charles Qualls

Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways

Steve Gibson

That we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Charles Qualls

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Charles Qualls

Voluntary

My Song is Love Unknown
George Corbett, Oboe; Steve Gibson, Organ

Molly Ijames

Baby Blessing and Dedications

Charles Qualls

Today we celebrate the dedications of Kai William Kuipers (Kai), Cali Genevieve Kuipers (Cali) and Catherine Virginia Kuipers (Catie).

Parents: Mary and Garrett Kuipers

Grandparents: Brucie Standahl (Jerry), Sandra Bross, Gary and Pilar Kuipers

Great-grandfather: David Bross

Presentation

Matthew 19:14

Charles Qualls

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said,
"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Holy Creator of Life,

Steve Gibson

We celebrate the glorious mystery of birth.

Charles Qualls

You love children into existence and place them in human arms for tender nurture.

Steve Gibson

We ask that you surround Kai, Cali and Catie and their family with your steadfast love all the days of their lives.

Charles Qualls

We ask your blessings on the church who will support, love and pray for Kai, Cali and Catie. Steve Gibson

We, the members of Franklin Baptist Church, commit ourselves to assist the Kuipers family. Charles Qualls

Mary and Garrett, we trust that the step of faith you are taking today will make Kai, Cali and Catie one day proud of your actions. Steve Gibson

QUESTIONS Charles Qualls

Mary and Garrett, by coming forward before God and this congregation, do you hereby declare your desire to dedicate yourselves and your children, Kai, Cali and Catie, to the Lord? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

We do.

Having come freely, I ask now that you enter into the following commitment in the presence of God and this congregation. So that Kai, Cali and Catie may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you Mary and Garrett, vow by God's help and in partnership with the church, to provide Kai, Cali and Catie a Christian home of love and peace, to raise them in the truth of our Lord's instruction and discipline, and to encourage them to one day trust Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

We do.

There's an old proverb that says "it takes a village to raise a child." Parents have first responsibility. But parents need the help and support of the community. So I direct my questions now to the church. I ask now that you make the following commitment to those who stand before you: So that Kai, Cali and Catie may walk in the abundant life that Christ offers, do you vow by God's help, to be faithful in your calling as members of the body of Christ, to help Mary and Garrett be faithful to God, and to help teach and train Kai, Cali and Catie in the ways of the Lord so that they might one day trust him as Savior and Lord? If you accept this responsibility, please respond by saying "we do."

We do.

Prayer (Bibles and Certificates) Charles Qualls

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21 Charles Qualls

Voluntary *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Molly Ijames
George Corbett, Oboe; Steve Gibson, Organ

Sermon *The Fruits of Sacrifice* Charles Qualls
Creep'n Around in the Dark

Benediction Charles Qualls

Voluntary *It Is Well* Molly Ijames
George Corbett, Oboe; Steve Gibson, Organ