

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2021
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Voluntary in G* DAVID LASKY
Steve Gibson, Organist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Peggy Morgan

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory,
and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.
It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist,
should give his only son for our salvation.

Therefore we will proclaim God's name.

In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Peggy Morgan

**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 263 *To Worship, Work, and Witness* WEBB
(Stanza 1 only)

RESPONSIVE PSALTER Psalm 26 Peggy Morgan

A Plea for Justice and Declaration of Righteousness of David.

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER Charles Qualls

*COMMISSIONED HYMN *Find Rest for Our Souls* FRANKLIN
(Stanza 1, Back Page of Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible Old Testament, Pages 453 and 454
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Series: Living Well* Charles Qualls
What Keeps Us Grounded?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Blest Be The Tie DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

*VOLUNTARY *Postlude héroïque* DAVID LASKY
Steve Gibson, Organist



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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Charles. L. Qualls, *Senior Pastor*
Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*
Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM - 1250 AM and PRAISE 99.1 FM
Facebook Live @ 11:00 AM

Franklin Baptist Church – October 3, 2021

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.

Worship Service

In response to CDC and VA Adjustments in Covid-19 policies, masks are optional for worship at 11:00 AM. Pews are marked for physical distancing guidelines.

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!

COVID-19 Adjustments

This week, members of the Administrative Council had the opportunity to gather with a significant group of volunteers just prior to packing Hygiene Kits for our mission project. Effectively, they were a focus group of members who could lend wisdom to the moment as we experience a local resurgence of the Covid-19 virus.

Due to Covid increases in Franklin, it was decided that the following food related activities will be cancelled until further notice:

- Wednesday night meals starting next week.
- Fellowship coffee in the fellowship hall starting this week.
- The 150th Anniversary Celebration lunch scheduled to have been on Sunday October 10th.

Sunday morning activities and Wednesday Bible Studies will continue as scheduled, albeit with the encouragement of masks and physical distancing as possible. We will accommodate with more seating than is necessary, of course. We hope these adjustments will prove to only be temporary. We are prayerful in these days, and grateful for your understanding and support. Please see Peggy Morgan or an Administrative Council member with concerns or questions.

Sunday School Groups Resume

Sunday School groups have the option to gather in person at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. In light of prudent Covid-19 safety, we strongly encourage good physical distancing and optional mask-wearing as you share space.

Flowers for the Altar

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.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall (will also be live-streamed on Facebook). We are studying Galatians and Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. If you would like to order a book, please call the office. Books are \$13.00. Please make checks payable to Franklin Baptist Church and put Wednesday Bible Study Book on the memo line.

Join us for Wednesday School Adult Bible Study at 6:15 PM (will also be live-streamed on Facebook). We will be studying The Revelation of John, led by Dr. Charles Qualls. Let's unlock truth so that the mystery becomes relevant!



Fall Sermon Series: Living Well

Life doesn't just happen. Every choice and every decision is a part of what brought us to this moment. How can we live in ways that will one day allow us to reminisce and say, "That was good!"? The Wisdom Literature of the Bible has a lot to lend us.

Join us on Sundays at 11 a.m. as we lean in and listen to what Proverbs, Esther and even Job have to teach us! Dr. Charles Qualls, preaching.

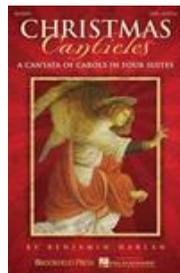


Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items:

- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Crackers in Sleeve

Upcoming Worship Music

- October 3 Anthem: As the Deer (Martin Nystet)
Hymns: To Worship, Work and Witness, Find Rest For Our Souls
- October 10 Mary Elizabeth Brett Szilagyi, Guest Pianist
A native of Franklin and Franklin Baptist Church, she studied at UNC-G
- October 17 Anthem: Festival Processional
- October 24 Anthem: Premiere of Love Divine, written in memory of Barbara Duck Johnson
- October 31 Anthem: Hymn of Promise



Christmas Canticles Rehearsals are postponed until a later date.

- December 11th and 12th
Cantata Weekend (Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra)
- December 11- Dress Rehearsal with Chamber Orchestra
10:00 AM -12:00 PM
- December 12th - Christmas Canticles
- December 24th - Christmas Eve (Singing a portion of Christmas Canticles during Candlelight Service)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Howard Boone, Opal Elks, David Flythe, Louise Hedgepeth,
Gerry Lewis, Glenn Pierce, Susan Vick

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Welcome New Members: Anna and Carlos Garcia

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Earl Warren,
who passed away on September 25, 2021.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 3

- Bible Study 9:45 am SS Classrooms
- Worship (also Facebook Live/Radio) 11:00 am Sanctuary

Monday, October 4

- Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 5

- AA Group 8:00 pm Community Room

Wednesday, October 6

- Morning Bible Study 11:00 am Fellowship Hall/FB Live
- Adult Bible School 6:15 pm Fellowship Hall/FB Live
- NA Group 7:30 pm Community Room

Thursday, October 7

- High Street Seniors 10:00 am Fellowship Hall