

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY
FOR OUR LORD (1871-2021)
DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE
11:00 A.M.

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in the joy and love that comes only from you, we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Once in Royal David's City* MAUREEN HOWELL
Steve Gibson, Organist

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 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.**

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Tom Ellington

**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 126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Ella and Mary Clingenpeel

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
Gabriel came to a town named Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.
As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Love.

SUNG RESPONSE *Emmanuel* MCGEE

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

RESPONSIVE PSALTER Psalm 80:1-7 Tom Ellington

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you
be angry with your people's prayers?
**You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**
You make us the scorn of our neighbors,
our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SOLO *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM
Nora Clingenpeel, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-45 Charles Qualls
Pew Bible New Testament, Page 57
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO AS LATELY WE WATCHED STEVEN R. GIBSON

BELL ANTHEM *As Lately We Watched* CATHY MOKLEBUST
JuBELLation Ringers

Commissioned to the Glory of God in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Franklin Baptist Church; and in joyful remembrance of Dr. J. Floyd Clingenpeel, whose love of life was evident in everything that he touched including handbells.

SERMON Why Has This Happened to Me? Charles Qualls

*CAROL 122 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

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

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*VOLUNTARY Good Christian Friends DOUGLAS E. WAGNER
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 – December 19, 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 and 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!

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2021 must be **received** by December 31, 2021. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2022. 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.



The church office will be closed the following days:

Christmas: December 24, 2021
December 27, 2021

New Year's: December 31, 2021



Our in-house Christmas message exchange (post office) is back! No postage is required! The "post office" will be located in the narthex beginning this Sunday morning. This is the perfect time to take a minute to let someone know you are thinking of them, or that you appreciate their hard work. Just place your cards/messages in the box by last names. Please remember to check for YOUR mail! The "post office" will be available until **January 2nd**!

Advent Calendar



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021; 11:00 AM; Sanctuary

The JuBELLation Ringers will premiere *As Lately We Watched* by Cathy Moglebust written in memory of Dr. J. Floyd Clingenpeel.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love



Christmas Eve – December 24, 2021

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

4:00 Pre-Service Music

4:30 Processional

Harpsichord and Handbells

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Story of Christ's Birth

Silent Night with Candlelight

Wednesday Night Bible Study – The Difficult Words of Jesus

Some biblical texts are just easier than others. Some, if we're honest, leave us perplexed. In fact, when it comes to Jesus, some things leave us observing -- "He said that? Really?"

- "Sell What You Own"
- "Hate your Father and Mother"
- "Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all" just to name a few.

We'll explore six of these tough texts, beginning on Wednesday night, **January 19 at 6:15 PM.**

150TH Anniversary Information

- ◆ If you would like to purchase an ornament to commemorate our 150th Anniversary, please contact the church office. The cost of each ornament is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to Franklin Baptist Church with 150th Anniversary in the memo line.
- ◆ If you have family that are no longer members or friends that are returning for one of our services between now and the end of April, let the church office know at least ten days in advance and we will recognize them in the bulletin and Charles will greet them in his opening sentences that Sunday morning. Check our website for upcoming events!
- ◆ If anyone has any memorabilia pertaining to the church, please contact Dan and Patsy Fowler at 757-562-4795.

Community Living Nativity

Many thanks to all volunteers for making the Community Living Nativity a success!! We are delighted so many people were exposed to scripture and the Christmas story. Whether you participated as a biblical character, put up posters, set up tents & electrical cords, or helped in other way, please know the Worship team appreciates your efforts. This event would not have happened without your hard work & support.

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM in the choir room. **Because the choir room and choir loft are confined spaces, everyone singing must wear a mask. Masks are available in the choir room.** Rehearsals will resume again on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners will return on January 12th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Franklin Cooperative Ministry

Franklin Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: Macaroni & Cheese and Oatmeal (boxes with packets inside).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Opal Elks, David Flythe, Nancy Rountree (Debbie Carter’s aunt), Susan Vick, Tootie Wade

Please remember to keep our community leaders in your prayers.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 21

AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room
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Wednesday, December 22

Chancel Choir	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
NA Group	7:30 pm	Community Room

Friday, December 24

Church Office Closed		
Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music	4:00 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service	4:30 pm	Sanctuary

Coming in January!

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| January 2 | Communion served by our Deacons |
| January 4 | Deacon Banquet |
| January 9 | Baptism of our Lord |
| January 10 | JuBellation Ringers Rehearsal |
| January 12 | All Wednesday Activities Resume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Bible Study on I, II Thessalonians by N.T. Wright • Dinner • Evening Bible Study • Choir Rehearsal |
| January 16 | Deacon Ordination and Installation |
| January 29 | Deacon Retreat |