

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
DECEMBER 25, 2016
10:00 O'CLOCK
CHRISTMAS DAY

GREETING Steve Gibson

VOLUNTARY Marti Howell

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Sharon Spivey

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born; the Messiah, the Lord.
The Word became flesh to live among us;
Now we have seen the glory of God.
O come, let us adore him!

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Sharon Spivey

**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 88 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

CHILDREN'S SERMON Cody Billups

PASTORAL PRAYER Steve Gibson

*CAROL 94 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* POLISH CAROL

OFFERTORY
Marti Howell, Pianist

*Offertory Response *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

*Prayer of Dedication Cody Billups

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-4 Sharon Spivey
Pew Bible New Testament Page Pages 218 and 91
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION "So, This is What Christmas Looks Like!" Steve Gibson

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION, BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION

*CAROL *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* Waltham

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men."

*BENEDICTION

Steve Gibson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

McGhee

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

*VOLUNTARY

Marti Howell

*Please stand if you are able.

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EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Michael J. Clingenpeel, *Interim Pastor*

Steven R. Gibson, *Associate Pastor/Music*

Cody P. Billups, *Pastoral Intern*

Sharon James, *Associate Pastor/Education Emeritus*

This worship service is broadcast on radio WLQM – 1250 AM

Franklin Baptist Church-December 25, 2016

Calendar of Events

<u>Sunday, December 25</u>		
Worship	10:00 am	Chapel
<u>Monday, December 26</u>		
Church Office Closed		
Frances Hudgins Group	12:30 pm	The Village
<u>Tuesday, December 27</u>		
AA Groups	8:00 pm	Community Room
<u>Wednesday, December 28</u>		
NA Groups	7:30 pm	Community Room
<u>Thursday, December 29</u>		
Senior Citizens	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead to 2017

January 1	New Year's Day Communion	11:00 am	Sanctuary
January 8	Early Worship Returns	8:45 am	Chapel
January 8	Deacon Ordination/Installation	11:00 am	Sanctuary
January 11	Wednesday Activities Resume		

Your church staff extends to the Franklin Baptist family, heartfelt wishes for a very Merry Christmas! May we celebrate reflecting upon the hope, peace, joy and love that we share with Christ our Lord.

Prayer Concerns

Jerry Cutchin, Mac Edwards, Richard Edwards, Margaret Gayle,
Jeffrey Holt, Joyce Kaplan,
Alyce Page Kitchen, Lois Minetree, Dot Saunders, Jake Stone, Carolyn Williams

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 supports two services. Our contemporary service is at 8:45 am in the chapel; and our traditional service is at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be only one service (11:00am) from now until January 8th.

Missions

The Cooperative Ministry is in need of the following items: canned soup, crackers, tomato sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned tuna, canned ravioli, baked beans.

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2016 must be **received** by December 31, 2016. Since December 31st is on a Saturday, please have your contributions to the office by noon on Friday, December 30th. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Tayloe. (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.

Scholarship

For members of churches in the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Virginia Baptist Foundation is offering scholarships to full-time students having a minimum grade point average of 3.0 at an accredited institution. Applications are available on the foundation's website, vbfinc.org/scholarships/ and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2017.

Relay for Life

The Franklin/Southampton Relay for Life event is Saturday, June 03, 2017 at the Armory Field. If you interested in joining the Franklin Baptist Church team please contact Trina Stout.

