

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2017
11:00 A.M.

GREETING Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY *Variations on Il Est Ne* JOHN BENHKE
Steve Gibson, Organist

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Lin Bittick

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 124 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Candle of Love Scott and Jennifer Culpepper
Amanda and Thomas
Isaiah 9:6-7

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Light the Light, the Fire of Life* IL EST NE

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His love, light the light of Bethlehem's stable,
light the candle of His love, light the light by which we see.

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

*CAROL 110 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on Cradle Song* STEVE GIBSON
Steve Gibson, Organist

*Doxology *He is Born* IL EST NE

He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild.

*Prayer of Dedication Charles Qualls

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55 Lin Bittick
Pew Bible New Testament Page 57
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO *The Birthday of a King* W.H. NEIDLINGER
Rick Poole, Soloist

SERMON Sound Like Good News to You? Charles Qualls

*CAROL 144 *Oh, Come, Little Children* SCHULZ

*BENEDICTION Charles Qualls

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JOHN BENHKE

*Please stand if you are able.

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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
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



December 24th

Christmas Eve

Once in royal David's city...(Celebrating Grace, # 104)

Pre-Service Music begins - 4:00 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 31st

Worship in the Chapel - 10:00 AM
No Sunday School Today



The church office will be closed the following days:

Christmas: Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th

New Year's: Closed January 1, 2018
Regular office hours resume January 2, 2018



The staff of Franklin Baptist Church extends our sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas season! Our prayer is that God will continue to bless us in the New Year!



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 or Trina Stout at 757-653-8417.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ray Bradshaw, Elizabeth Brinster (Lynda Bond's daughter),
Mac Edwards, Richard Edwards, Bobby Eubanks,
Dawn Holland, Al Johnson, Alyce Page Kitchen, Jim Whitley

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Daryl Billups on the death of his mother who passed away on December 20, 2017.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 24

Friends, Food and Fun	9:30 am	Atrium
Bible Study	9:45 am	
Sunday School for Children/Youth	10:00 am	
Worship	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Pre-Service Music	4:00 pm	Sanctuary
Candlelight Service	4:30 pm	Sanctuary

Monday, December 25

Office Closed	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed		
AA Group	8:00 pm	Community Room

Wednesday, December 27

NA Groups	7:30 pm	Community Room
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Thursday, December 28

Senior Citizens	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
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January 2	Deacon's Meeting	7:30 pm	Conference Room
January 3	JuBellation Ringers	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
January 7	Early Worship Returns Communion at both services	8:45 am	Chapel
January 9	Blood Drive in Memory of John Lee	11:30 am -5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
January 10	Wednesday Activities Resume		
January 14	Deacon Installation	11:00 am	Sanctuary

Franklin Baptist Church – December 24, 2017

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 7, 2018.**

Please join us at 10:00 AM in the Atrium for our annual Youth Christmas play!

In celebration of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the coffee will return on January 7, 2018.

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 PM – Pre-Service Music

4:30 PM – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 31st: 10:00 AM - Worship in the Chapel.

Year-End Contributions

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2017 must be **received** by December 31, 2017. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2018. 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.



Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Charles Qualls

3 Sundays in January (7, 14 and 21)

1:30 p.m. in the Franklin Baptist Church Parlor

If you are interested, please call the church office at 757-562-5135 to register or email Charles.qualls@franklinbaptist.org. Invite a friend who may benefit from this experience!



New Paths: *Christians Engaging Israel*
led by Charles Qualls

Begins January 10

lasts 6 weeks

Journey to the Holy Land as we experience the sights, sounds and voices of Israel. *New Paths* empowers North American Christians with a robust learning experience about Israel, in all its complexity, while bringing Christian theology and values to bear. Brief videos in each session will lead us into important discussions.



**CHARLES QUALLS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND HEARD
WORLDWIDE ON DAY1 RADIO**

Catch two sermons in January by Dr. Qualls on Day1 Radio or Day1 online. Day1 Radio (formerly "The Protestant Hour") has been broadcasting worldwide since 1945. Today, Day1 is distributed via their website (<http://day1.org/radio>) or their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/day1online/>). Still a mainstay on radio as well, Day1 is carried on over 220 stations especially in the U.S., but also the Caribbean, Canada, Africa and New Zealand. Local stations include WPMH 1010 AM / 96.9 FM: Chesapeake/Norfolk and WEVA 860 AM: Emporia.

Day1 programs will last 30 minutes with two interviews and a sermon each. He will preach these sermons here at Franklin Baptist on January 21 ("Warning or Promise?") and 28 ("What is This?"). Listening electronically is easy to do, but a username and password will need to be established. See Charles with questions!