

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 8, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anita Thompson

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Thompson

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE
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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

In Pew Bible, page 141 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymn 392

Open Our Eyes

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PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Dr. Gilliam

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**God has shown his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds we have been healed.

--Romans 5:8, I Peter 2:24

+HYMN 354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Walt Pierce

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Amen.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON FROM ACTS Acts 4:32-37 Dr. Gilliam

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SERMON *A Well-Oiled Church* Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time or response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 477 *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Betty Duke to the glory of God, and in memory of her grandson, Tom.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the April 4th birth of Adalyn Margaret Britt, daughter of Heath & Lyndsay Britt, and granddaughter of Frank & Sylvia Britt, and Rick & Jamie Burns.

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Babies – Age 2: Sandra Pierce, Stephanie Rose, and Taylor F. Rose

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Anna Pierce



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas
Minister to Youth & Children

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

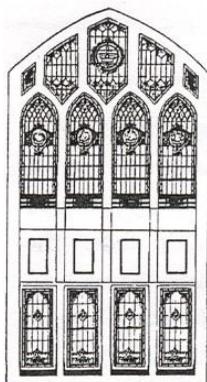
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. James H. Hyatt III
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

April 8, 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ JOY Fellowship – Senior Adult Ministry

... will meet on Thursday, April 12 at noon for lunch and a program. The menu will be spiral ham, potato salad, green beans, salad, lemon pound cake, with tea or water. The cost is \$4.50 per person. Please sign up by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 10.

✦ Office Volunteers Needed

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✦ Sanctuary Choir Opportunity

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✦ Youth Ministry – Grades 6-12

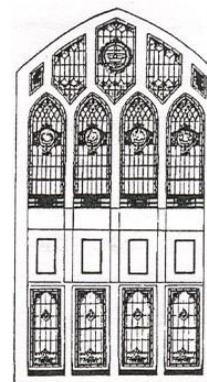
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