

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 20, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Day of Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Richard Elliott

CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2:1-4 Mr. Brandon Zoch

LITANY Mrs. Austine Evans

It was confusing and astonishing --
A mighty wind blowing inside the house;
Tongues of fire that didn't burn but brought to life;
Many languages spoken but everyone understood.
Bewildering and amazing!
Words only hint at the wonder of that day:
No words can contain the power of the Spirit who is still alive today --
Touching us with life,
Filling us with joy,
Causing us to sing.

INTROIT *A Jubilant Song* Mary Lynn Lightfoot

The Sanctuary Choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!

Cantate Domino omnis terra
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Evans

+HYMN OF PRAISE 2 *Come Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. 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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:5-21 Mr. Zoch & Mrs. Evans

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY Ms. Dorothy Howell

CALL TO PRAYER Hymn 234 *Spirit of the Living God* IVERSON

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost.
The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace,
forgiveness and service.
In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:
We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

+HYMN 241 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* MANNA

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Zoch

ORGAN OFFERTORY *The Peace May Be Exchanged* Dan Locklair

+DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14
In Pew Bible, page 987 of Old Testament

Dr. Gilliam

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SERMON *Life to life*

Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 235 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Jason Payne

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

The Sanctuary is beautifully adorned for Pentecost Sunday due to the faithful ministry of our Worship Decorating Committee.

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

Babies – Age 2: Georgia Copeland, Scott & Lisa Outlaw

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & J.C. Doughtie



Pentecost

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas
Minister to Youth & Children

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

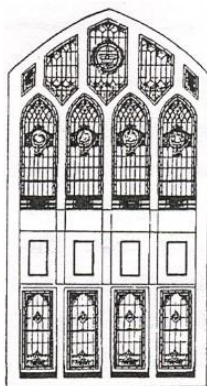
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. James H. Hyatt III
Music Associate

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 20, 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. —Mark D. Roberts

✘ Spring Choral Concert – May 20 at 4:00 pm

All the Music Ministry choral groups will be performing a spring concert around the theme, "All Creation Sings." And since May 20th is the Birthday of the Church, an ice cream and cake reception will follow.

Rehearsal Schedule for May 20:

- 2:30 pm Chairo
- 3:00 pm Vocal Ensemble
- 3:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
- 3:30 pm Children Choristers (Grades 1-6) and Music Friends (Age 3—Kindergarten)

✘ Passport Camp Fund Raiser – a Car Wash

Saturday, May 26, beginning at 10:00 am

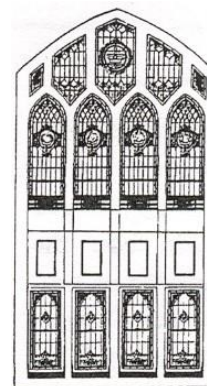
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