

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 8, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *Phoenix Processional* Dan Locklair

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Eva Early

For the beauty of the summer day,  
**And the comfort of friends nearby;**  
For the invitation to love and be loved,  
**For our God who extends that call;**  
For time set apart to nourish the soul,  
**For time to go out into the world armed with love;**  
For the joy of resting in the promises of God,  
**For the hope of the possibilities before us;**  
For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

INTROIT *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth  
The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Early

+HYMN OF PRAISE 341 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Anita Thompson

Child Dedication Jesse James Freeman  
See Insert

CHILDREN'S 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 Ephesians 2:16-22 Ms. Vicky Overman  
Read from *The Message*

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PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Thompson

Brothers and sisters, because of the life and ministry,  
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we are given the gift of forgiveness,  
and offered the chance to begin again.  
As God's beloved children, let us receive these gifts,  
offering our thanks through the words of the Psalmist:

**I patiently waited, LORD, for You to hear my prayer.  
You listened and pulled me from a lonely pit full of mud and mire.  
You let me stand on a Rock with my feet firm,  
and You gave me a new song, a song of praise to You.** – Psalm 40:1-3a

+HYMN 569 *In Christ Alone* IN CHRIST ALONE

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Overman

OFFERTORY *In Christ Alone* arr. Lyndell Leatherman

+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 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-12 Dr. Gilliam  
In Pew Bible, page 346 of Old Testament

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

## SERMON

*The Bench*

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 493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso*

George Frideric Handel

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeffery & Rita (Myers) Bula; Alan, West, & Mary Myers, in memory of Gertrude Myers who was born on July 9.*

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

*Babies - Age 2: Jean Parker, Debbie Rawls, & Lou Riddick*

*Age 3 Kindergarten: Jessica Britton & Anna Greene Dawson*

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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

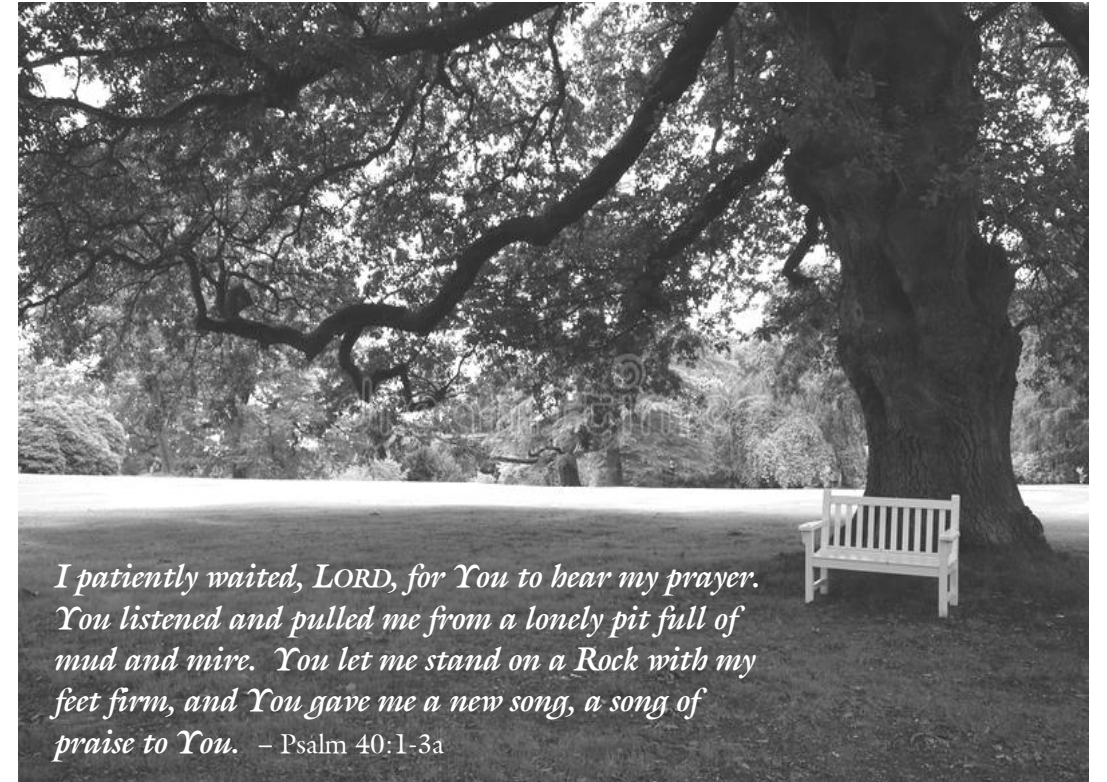
Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
*Pastor*

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  
*Music Associate*

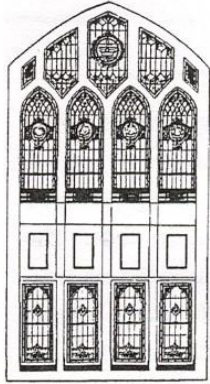


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## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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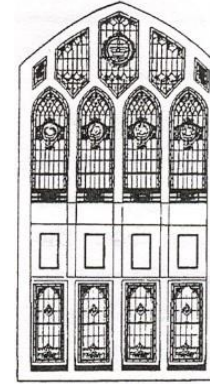
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Introduction of the Family  
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Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Justin and Sarah, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

*We do.*

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

*We do.*

Do you dedicate J.J. to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your son in the Christian faith; bringing him to church, leading him in prayer, and reading to him the scriptures, in order that he may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

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Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture J.J. in the Christian faith so that he may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

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