

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 26, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE *Joy in the Morning* arr. Joel Raney

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Mr. Bill Magette and Mr. Garrett Magette, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 96 Mr. L. Taylor Rose  
Sing a new song of gratitude and praise!  
**Our God is God of all creation!**  
Great is the Lord, and great is God's love.  
**God's love calls us here.**  
Let the heavens be glad. Let the mountains rejoice.  
**Even the trees sing for joy, for God is God of all!**

INTROIT *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Gordon Young

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. L. Taylor Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Ms. Betty Joyner  
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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 86:1-7 Mr. Stuart Pierce  
In Pew Bible, page 669 of Old Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Dr. Gilliam  
The God who loves us into life hears our prayers, forgives our shortcomings and  
urges us always to follow in the footsteps of His beloved Son, in whose image  
we are made.  
**Amen.**

+HYMN 611 *He Hideth My Soul* KIRKPATRICK

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Pierce

OFFERTORY *Eternal Life* Olive Dungan  
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

+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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 2:1-7 Dr. Gilliam  
In Pew Bible, page 298 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Gilliam  
...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 *A Passionate Church* Dr. Gilliam

## INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of 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 361 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

GORDON

+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.*

+POSTLUDE

*Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

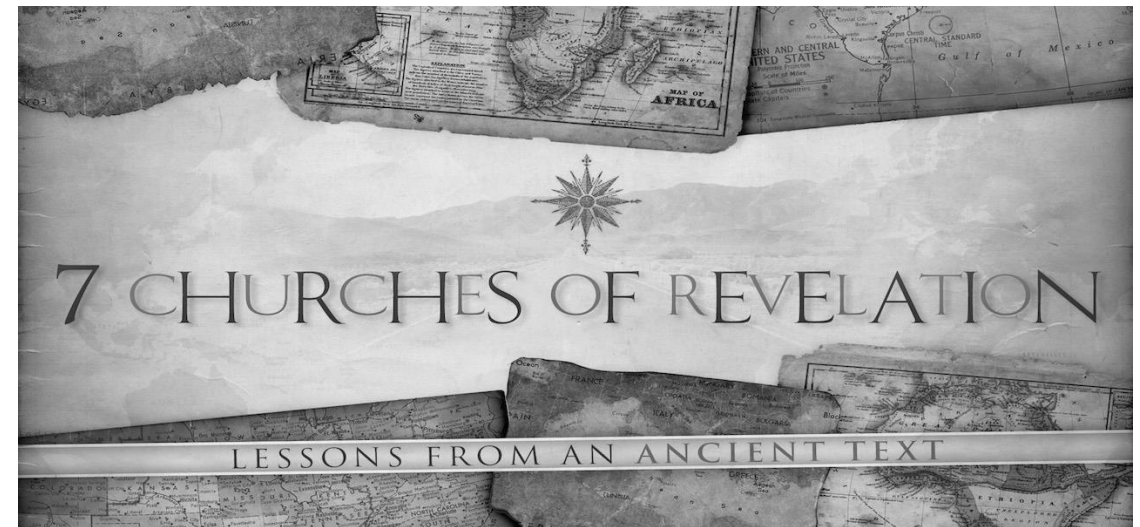
*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Edward Copeland, Sr., to the glory of God, and in memory of his wife, Jewel J. Copeland, his mother, Mabel Leary Copeland, and his grandmother, Frances Rebecca Leary.*

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

*Babies – Age 2: Ernie & Austine Evans, & Bess Leary*

*Age 3 – Kindergarten: James & Eva Early*

# The Church at Ephesus



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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*

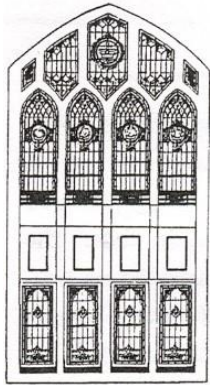
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mr. James H. Hyatt III  
*Music Associate*

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# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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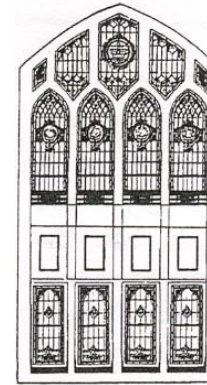
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