

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 9, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Miss Avery Byrum, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Justin Freeman

Friends in Christ, come apart from the chaos for a while,  
and linger in the presence of God who is our source of life.

**God calls us to renew ourselves, and to find our life's purpose.**

The One who has made us would not have us journey alone.  
We gather as a sacred community of love,  
together on the quest to know God's hope for our lives and for this church.

**May we truly seek to live more faithfully as Christ's family,  
listening for the voice of God in our midst.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 297

*Here I Am to Worship*

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Child Dedication

*Peyton Lucreasy Outlaw*  
Born on January 1, 2018  
Daughter of Brian & Victoria Outlaw

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 1

Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

In Pew Bible, page 602 of Old Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*

Bob Burroughs

The Vocal Ensemble

*Jesus, my Lord, my life, my all, hear me, blessed Savior, when I call.  
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling place pour out the riches of Thy grace.*

*Jesus, too late I Thee have sought; how can I love Thee as I ought?  
And how extol Thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of Thy name?*

*Jesus, of Thee will be my song; to Thee my heart and soul belong;  
All that I have or own is Thine, and Thou, O blessed Savior, Thou are mine.*

*Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore. O make me love Thee more and more.*

– Henry Collins

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

The God of grace who knows us intimately, never gives up on us.  
For the Bible teaches us that when we confess our sin,  
our gracious and loving God sets us free from it.

**We believe the good news of the Gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are loved, and we are forgiven. Amen.**

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE 43

*Grace Alone*

arr. Michael Evers

*The Vocal Ensemble will sing the first stanza; the congregation is invited to join in the  
singing of the second stanza as directed.*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Zoch

PIANO OFFERTORY

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 2:12-17

In Pew Bible, page 298 of New Testament

Dr. Gilliam

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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

*Off Track*

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 501

*I Am Resolved*

RESOLUTION

## +BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

## +CHIMES OF THE TRINITY & PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Russell P. and Emma Martin by Whit & Chris Powell.*

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

*Babies: Jean Parker & Debbie Rawls  
Ages 1 & 2: Sarah & Justin Freeman  
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Jessica Britton & Jessica Brinkley  
Floaters: Nikki Hyatt*

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### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

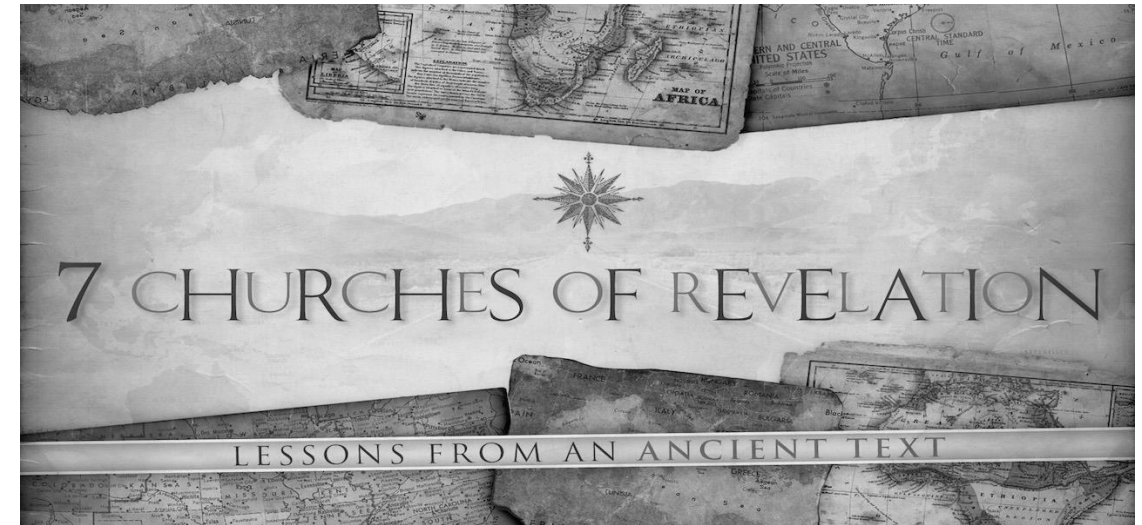
Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
*Pastor*

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas  
*Minister to Youth & Children*

Mr. W. Bland Baker  
*Music Associate*

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

# The Church at Pergamum



## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dedication Scripture

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New International Reader's Version

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Brian & Victoria, 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 Peyton to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your daughter in the Christian faith; bringing her to church, leading her in prayer, and reading to her the scriptures, in order that she 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 Peyton in the Christian faith so that she may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

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Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

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Children's Blessing

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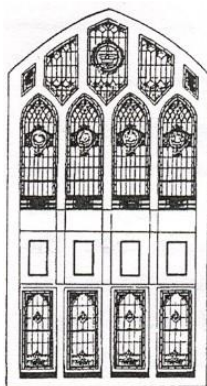
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6:30 - 7:30 pm High School Youth, Youth Building

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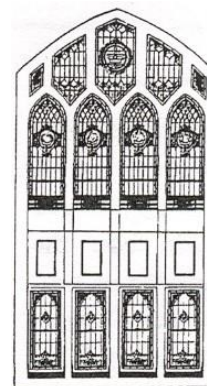
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