

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 7, 2018 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: World Communion Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. April Futrell

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.

As we gather this morning we remember our sisters and brothers from all across the world . . .

**those from above and below the equator,**

those from the North and from Down Under,

**everyone from every time zone around the globe.**

As today's sunlight inches across land and sea,

the Body of Christ gathers for worship and communion.

**All are invited, and all are welcome.**

INTROIT

*We are the Body of Christ*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Scott Wesley Brown

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ms. Futrell

+HYMN OF PRAISE 303 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

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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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SONG OF ILLUMINATION 38

*Thy Word*

THY WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 34:1-8

Mr. Scott Outlaw

In Pew Bible, page 625 of Old Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

The Psalmist invites us to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord,” goodness that includes the forgiveness of sin.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. God is so good, God is so good,  
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,  
3. I love Him so, I love Him so,  
4. I praise His name, I praise His name.

God is so good, He's so good to me!  
He cares for me, He's so good to me!  
I love Him so, He's so good to me!  
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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Outlaw

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 3:14-22

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 300 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON

*Rubber and Road*

Dr. Gilliam

HOLY COMMUNION

. . . 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.

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 272 *They'll Know We are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Sharon & Kenny Roope in memory of Glenda Byrd & Ada Fornes.*

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

<i>Babies:</i>	<i>Betty Cooper &amp; Jenni Byrd</i>
<i>Ages 1 &amp; 2:</i>	<i>Michelle Boyd &amp; Nancy Cobbs</i>
<i>Age 3 – Kindergarten:</i>	<i>Mary Page Pierce &amp; Nancy Perry</i>
<i>Floater:</i>	<i>Cheryl Slachta</i>

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

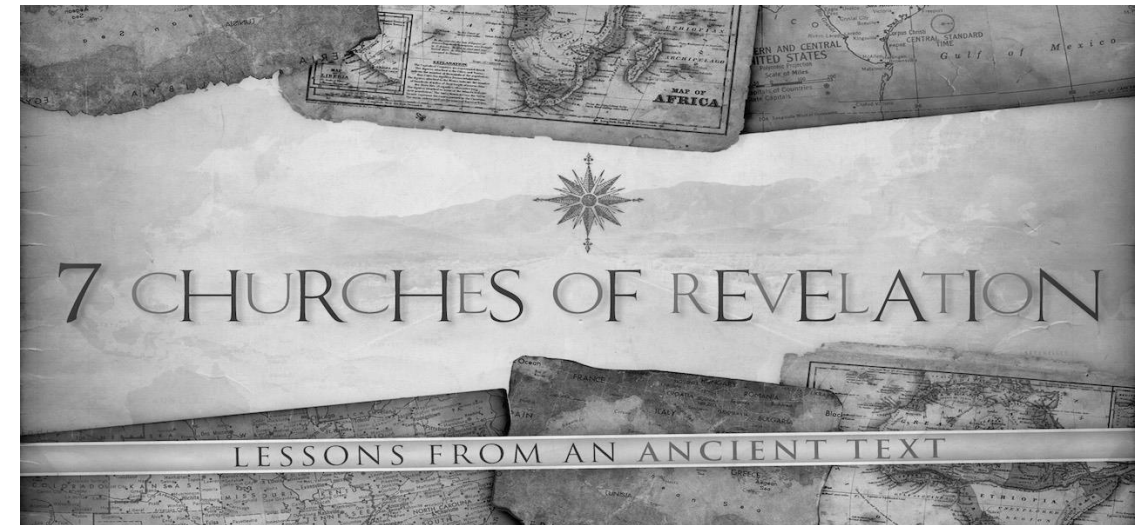
Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
*Pastor*

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas  
*Minister to Youth & Children*

Mr. W. Bland Baker  
*Music Associate*

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

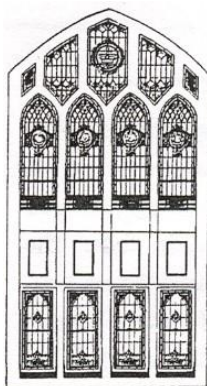
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*The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.*



## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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### ✦ JOY Fellowship – October 11

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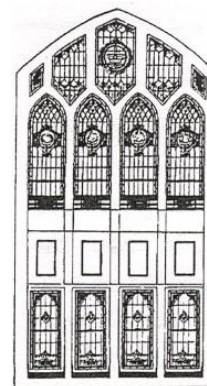
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