

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 2, 2018 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Advent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ADVENT CHORUS

Advent Candles
See Insert

Glenn & Susan Eernisse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Trey & Harriet Byrum, Avery

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the True Light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, during the Season of Advent we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas as we reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so, we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and earnestly pray that the Hope of Christ will penetrate the darkness in our hearts, and in our world.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Byrum Family, Leaders

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE

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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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 25:1-10

Mrs. Austine Evans

Read from the New International Version of the Bible.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

+OFFERTORY HYMN 99 *View the Present Through the Promise* AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Evans

OFFERTORY

Gloria
Chairo Music Ensemble

arr. John Purifoy

+DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 1 of New Testament

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SERMON

Christmas with Matthew:
What's in a Name?

Dr. Gilliam

THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . 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.

Communion Anthem *In the First Light* arr. Dennis Allen
Chairo Music Ensemble

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 597 *He Keeps Me Singing* SWEETEST NAME
Stanzas 1, 4 & 5

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by the Worship Decorating Committee to the glory of God.

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

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



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas
Minister to Youth & Children

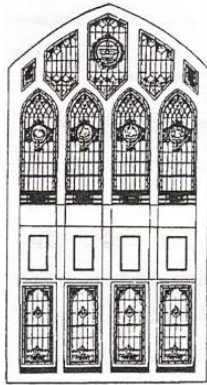
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

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

December 2, 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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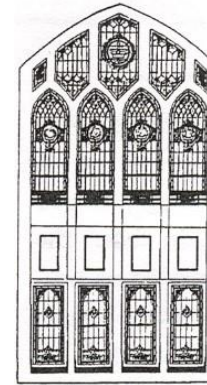
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