

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 30, 2018 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM Lanie Lee Byrum
The Baptism Rev. Dr. Jesse Croom, & Rev. Anita Thompson
The Prayer of Blessing Dr. Gilliam

CALL TO PRAISE Rev. Thompson
Shout the Good News:
Jesus Christ is born!
Lift up your voices:
Jesus Christ is born!
Break forth together into song:
Joy to the world, our Lord has come!

INTROIT *Ring the Bells* Harry Bollback
Vicky Overman, Soloist

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Miss Kathryn Outlaw

+HYMN OF PRAISE 102 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Dr. Gilliam
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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GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52 Ms. Jennifer Byrd

In Pew Bible, page 72 of New 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

People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate,
the Lord has comforted and redeemed us!

Recall the words of the angels: Good news...Great joy...All people...

In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God in the highest!

+HYMN 125 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Byrd

OFFERTORY *While Shepherds Watched* Joseph M. Martin
The Christmas Choir

+DOXOLOGY GREENSLEEVES

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 246 of New Testament

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SERMON *What Will You Wear?* 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 290 *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* O WALY WALY

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by 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: Sylvia Britt & Kay Byrd
Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Freeman & Gail Holloman
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Lyndsay Britt & Drew Phillips
Floater: Mary Page Pierce

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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

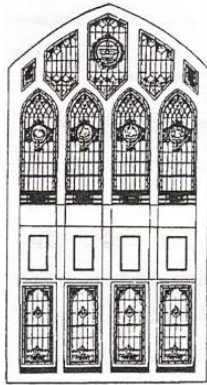
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

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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✘ Epiphany Sunday Breakfast

January 6 at 9:00 am

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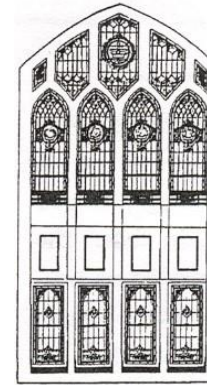
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