

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 6, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany of the Lord*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Justin Freeman

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded Christ's coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come, seeking to worship the Christ Child.

Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of love is shining upon us.

INTROIT

A Rustic Star Carol
The Vocal Ensemble
Claire Presley, Soloist

arr. Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. 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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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Dr. Tim Frei

In Pew Bible, page 2 of New Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN

As with Gladness

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to the place the star had led,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare to the Child who slumbered there,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Frei

OFFERTORY

+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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EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 235 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Gilliam

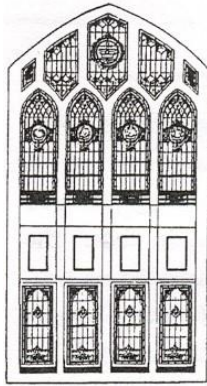
SERMON

Through the Church

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.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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✘ This Week at FBC

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1:30 pm Staff Meeting

5:45 pm Girl Scout Troops

Tuesday, January 8

10:00 am Women on Mission, Group 2

3:00 pm Christian Women's Job Corps Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

10:00 am Ahoskie Garden Club

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions (Age 3 to Grade 5)

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Christ Kids (Grades 1-5), Room 103

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 10

12 noon JOY Fellowship (Senior Adult Luncheon)

Friday, January 11

9:00 am Christian Women's Job Corps

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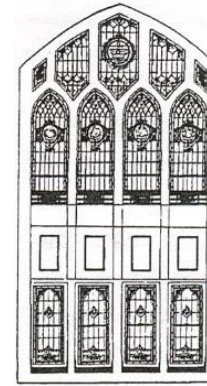
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