

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 27, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Master Justice Zoch & Miss Reagan Zoch, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Peggy Springfield

Come! Come praise the eternal God!  
Let all that is within us— body, emotions, mind, and will—  
praise God’s holy name!

**Despite our failures, God forgives and releases us.  
When we are famished, He fills us with good and beautiful things.  
When we are weak, He satisfies our needs, and restores our strength.**

So come! Come, praise the eternal God!  
Sing songs from a grateful heart,  
and remember all that He has done for us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Ms. Springfield

+HYMN OF PRAISE 310 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

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 103:1-13 Mr. Chuck Revelle

In Pew Bible, page 681 of Old Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Thompson

ANTHEM OF ASSURANCE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Craig Courtney  
The Vocal Ensemble

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

How truly great is the Lord, our God who is as the Psalmist describes:  
“merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”  
**Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 349 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Revelle

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

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. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 14:1-12 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 198 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dr. Gilliam

SERMON *Best We Can* 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 *God, Our Author and Creator*

NETTLETON

God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,  
Make our daily witness greater, by our lives make Your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed duntrod;  
In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like the first of Your apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:  
When our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
By Your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto Your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
That at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,  
With all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace. - Carl P. Daw

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY & +POSTLUDE

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Frances Bracy in memory of her husband, James W. (Wig) Bracy, and to the glory of God.*

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

*Babies: Lisa & Scott Outlaw  
Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland  
Age 3 – Kindergarten: J.C. Doughtie, Billie-Joe & Michael Harrell  
Floater: Judy H. Pierce*

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson    Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
*Associate Pastor*                      *Pastor*  
Mr. W. Bland Baker  
*Music Associate*

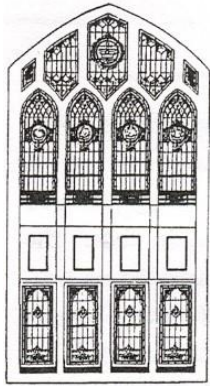
Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas  
*Minister to Youth & Children*  
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*



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# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✘ Today's Afternoon & Evening Schedule

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- 5:00 pm Youth Group: *Grades 6-12, Room 308*  
Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 pm Youth Snack Supper: *Grades 6-12, Fellowship Hall*

## ✘ Passport Camp Deposits

*Deposits for Passport Kids Camp (June 18-21) and Passport Youth Camp (June 23-28) are due today. See Elizabeth Villegas for more information.*

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## ✘ Youth Super Bowl Party

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## ✘ JOY Fellowship Senior Adult Lunch

February 14 at 12:00 noon

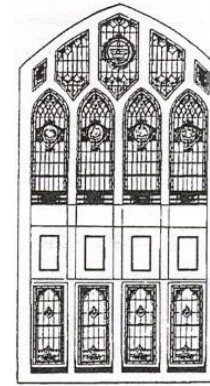
**Menu:** Chicken pastry, collards, baked sweet potatoes & red velvet sheet cake.

**Program:** Vicky Overman will entertain us with the Songs of the Seasons.

**Cost:** \$5 per person. Sign up by 9 am, Tuesday, February 12.

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