

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 3, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

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

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, a day which serves as a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today, and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words God spoke at Jesus' baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brandon Zoch

In the house where the Magi found the Christ child,
The miracle of the birth of the Messiah was revealed.

By the banks of the river Jordan where Jesus was baptized,
the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and God's voice proclaimed,
"You are my Son."

To a group of fisherman, Jesus offered a new way of life, a new way of fishing,
and they would now catch people, and bring them into the Kingdom.

In the quiet places, Jesus found rest and communion with his Father,
And He revealed to us the need to do the same.

It was on the mountaintop that the glory of Christ shone bright as the sun,
And the light within Him fills our hearts, is reflected on our faces,
and compels us to serve the world in His name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Zoch

+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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 32:1-6

Mrs. Judy H. Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 623 of Old Testament

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Contemplative Spiritual
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Donald Moore

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear again these words from the Psalmist:
Happy is the person whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
Happy is the person whom the LORD does not consider guilty
and in whom there is nothing false.
Shout for joy all you who hearts are fully open!
We will be glad and celebrate, for we are recipients of God's grace.

+HYMN 589

At Calvary

CALVARY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Pierce

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 Luke 5:1-11

In Pew Bible, page 76 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON

An Object Lesson

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.

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of 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 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*
See Insert

AURIELA

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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.

+POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Betty Duke in loving memory of her grandson, Tom.

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

*Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw
Ages 1 & 2: Nat & Lou Riddick
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis
Floaters: Heath & Lyndsay Britt*



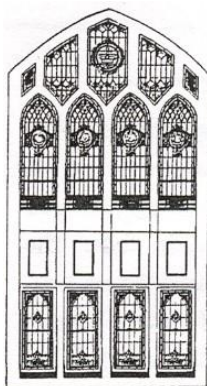
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

✘ Ash Wednesday Worship

March 6 at 6:45 pm

Join us in the sanctuary as we begin the Season of Lent together, engaging in a time of confession, and observing the tradition of the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert — that seeks to prepare the heart of the believer for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death. It concludes and is followed by a joyous Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

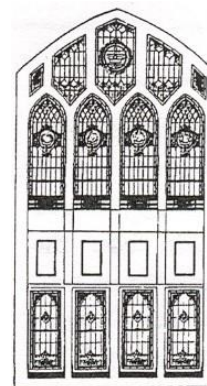
✘ Weekly Wednesday Night Meals

Starting Wednesday March 6th, we will begin offering meals every Wednesday night! The meal will be served from 5:00-6:30pm. There are no reservations required. You can decide to come at the last minute. The cost is a suggested donation of \$6 per adult and \$3 per children 12 and younger. The meals will be prepared by L & W Catering. The menu for March 6 will be fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, banana pudding, tea (sweet & unsweet) and water. Regular Wednesday night activities will continue as normally scheduled with the following changes: Adult Bible Study will meet in the sanctuary; Children's Music & Missions will go from 5:00-5:45 and Christ's Kids from 6:15-7:00. We hope that this addition to Wednesday night activities will make Wednesday night participation more doable for everyone.

✘ Senior Fest at Chowan University

March 26, 2019 ♦ 9:30 am—2:30 pm

This annual event for senior adults will feature Tom Key, Faith-Based Performance Artist, and Keeper of Faith, Gospel Ensemble. The day will include breakout sessions and lunch. The registration fee is \$15 per person and is due by March 15. For additional info, contact Lou Ann Gilliam, Director of Church & Community Relations, at 252-398-6317 or www.chowan.edu/seniorfest.



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 2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear Your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread Your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
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