

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 24, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Walt & Master Dempsey Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Penny Rose

Come to the water, all you who thirst—
come drink deeply from the river of life.

Come to the water, all you who are weary—
come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

**For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives,
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.**

Let's worship God together.

INTROIT *Gather at the River* arr. Susan LaBarr
The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 607 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* HYFRYDOL

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 Micah 6:6-8 Mr. Rick Burns

In Pew Bible, page 1060 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY SHARING *Our Benevolence Ministry* Reverends LaCount &
Anna Anderson

+HYMN 435 *Share His Love* SULLIVAN

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Burns

ORGAN OFFERTORY

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377 GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13:1-9 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 92 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dr. Gilliam

SERMON *Push* Dr. Gilliam

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 504 *I Am Thine, O Lord* I AM THINE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+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.

We welcome Reverends LaCount and Anna Anderson today as they share in worship leadership. Through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Anna serves as Field Personnel, and LaCount as Missions Engagement Partner in the Eastern North Carolina Poverty Network. They partner in ministry with our church each Tuesday as we seek to minister to the poverty stricken in our community.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of our beloved John D. (Dave) Simons from his family.

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 Jo & Michael Harrell
Floater: Judy H. Pierce*

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

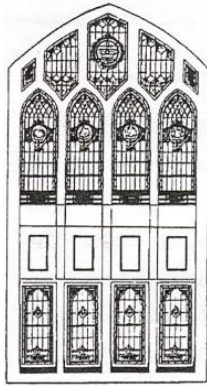
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus



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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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✦ Easter Sunday Baptism – April 21

Anyone who is sensing the Holy Spirit's encouragement to be baptized, please speak with Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson, or Mrs. Villegas.

✦ Weekly Wednesday Night Meal & Ministries

5:00—6:30 pm *Come and eat anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. No reservations are required. The suggested donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. This week's menu: spaghetti, salad, rolls, strawberry pudding, tea & water.*

5:00—5:45 pm Women's Young Adult Bible Study
Children's Music & Missions:

Ages 3-Kindergarten, Room 105; Grades 1-5, Choir Room

5:45—6:15 pm Children Eat Supper, Fellowship Hall
Rev. Thompson will stay with children until Christ Kid's begins so that parents who want to participate in the Adult Bible Study in the sanctuary may do so.

6:00—7:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

6:15—7:00 pm Christ's Kids (Grades 1-5), Room 103

7:00—8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00—9:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

✦ Passport Camp Fund Raiser at Pizza Inn

Monday, April 8 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm

✦ Holy Week Worship

◆ Palm Sunday, April 14

11:00 am Worship Service – *Procession of the Palms*

◆ Maundy Thursday, April 18

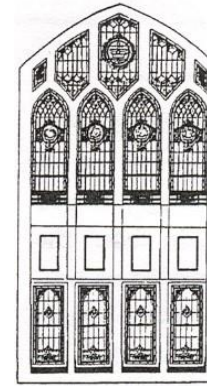
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