

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 31, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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

Miss Reagan Zoch & Master Justice Zoch, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Charles Hughes

Christ is in our midst! How will you bid Him welcome?

**We will throw open the doors to our hearts.**

**We will delight in God's presence.**

When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

**We will make ourselves ready.**

**We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.**

Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

**So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, confess and receive, pray and praise—**

Brothers and sisters, let us open the doors of our hearts and minds  
as we worship Almighty God.

INTROIT

*A Contemplative Spiritual*  
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Donald Moore

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Hughes

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mrs. Jamie Burns

In Pew Bible, page 95 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

Friends, hear this promise of scripture: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Instead of being bound to his sinful past, the prodigal son found newness in his father's forgiveness. So, too, have we found newness in God's mercy!

**Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and welcomed "home."**

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 589

*At Calvary*

CALVARY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Burns

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 32

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 623 of Old Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON

*Sound Advice*

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 471 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

+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 & POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Cross by Gayle Cross, Pam Price, Carolyn Bratton, and their families.*

*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    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*

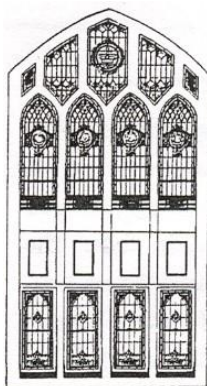


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*The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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## ✦ Weekly Wednesday Night Meal & Ministries

**5:00—6:30 pm** Come and eat anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. This week's menu: beef tips with gravy, rice, butter beans, apple crisp, rolls, 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

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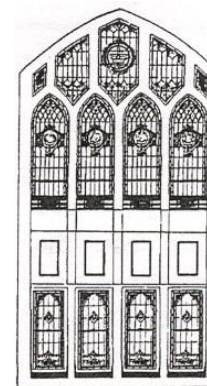
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