

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 30, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Mr. Andy and Miss Leah Woodard, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Henry Joyner

How lovely, Lord, to worship in this holy place.

How lovely, Lord, to walk with You all of our days.

How lovely, Lord, to live as Your people on earth.

How lovely, Lord, to be strengthened and blessed by Your grace.

INTROIT

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
The Sanctuary Choir

John Carter

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

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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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-15

Mrs. Jayne Frei

In Pew Bible, page 232 of New Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world, and for the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

We thank You Lord.

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, and for the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

We thank You Lord.

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

We thank You Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

We thank You Lord.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows; for our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

We thank You Lord.

Lord, we pray for the United States of America, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

We pray to You Lord.

That we might always be a nation that cherishes and works for religious freedom for all.

We pray to You Lord.

That those who are elected to govern and lead, would do so wisely and fairly, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them.

We pray to You Lord.

That, as Your church, we would be a people who acknowledge our sinfulness, repent from our sins, and trust Your Holy Spirit to guide us into Christlikeness.

We pray to you Lord.

Lord of all, we recognize that true freedom comes through You, that our ultimate loyalty belongs to You, and that our real identity is bestowed upon us by You. For this great gift we offer You our thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+HYMN 702

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Frei

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 1:10-20

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 549 of Old Testament

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SERMON

Why?

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 629 *Be Strong in the Lord*

STRENGTH

+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 to the glory of God and in memory of Howard Holloman by Jane Holloman, Ann Blair, Bo, Blair, and Royal Bunting.

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

*Babies: Kay Byrd & Sylvia Britt
Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Freeman & Gail Holloman
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Lyndsay Britt & Drew Phillips
Floater: Mary Page Pierce*

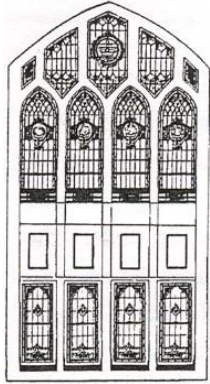


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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey) Pastor	Rev. Elizabeth Villegas Minister to Youth & Children
Mr. W. Bland Baker Music Associate		Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom Pastor Emeritus

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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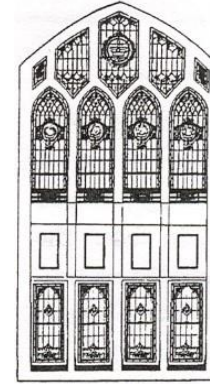
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