

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 4, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Walt Pierce

Listen, servants of God, for God speaks to us even now.

**Speak, O Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

Hear, servants of God, for God's words are all around us for those who have ears to hear.

**Open our ears, Holy One, that we might hear and know Your voice.**

Perceive, servants of God, for God's wisdom is planted within – within our souls, within the words of scripture, within the stories of our faith.

**Our hearts are open, Spirit of Truth, that we might hear as God speaks, and journey where Christ leads.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 280 *Speak, O Lord* SPEAK, O LORD

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:1-5 Dr. Bonnie Revelle

In Pew Bible, page 188 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

A SUNG PRAYER *Write Your Blessed Name* arr. K. Lee Scott

The Vocal Ensemble, with Jane Marie Hollingsworth &  
Steven Hollingsworth, members of the 2019 NC Baptist All State Youth Choir

*Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved  
that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from Your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense,  
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,  
and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven  
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.  
O Jesu, my only Savior!*

- Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471

+HYMN 590 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. 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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 6:1-10 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 553 of Old Testament

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SERMON *Can You Feel It?* Dr. Gilliam

*At the conclusion of the sermon, we will observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.*

## 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 57      *Be Still My Soul*      FINLANDIA

+BENEDICTION      Dr. Gilliam

## +CHIMES OF THE TRINITY AND 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 Bill & Carolyn Arrington to the glory of God, and in memory of Roland "Moe" Hardison and Minnie Bell Hardison.*

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

Babies:                      Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper  
Ages 1 & 2:                Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobb  
Age 3 – Kindergarten:   Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce  
Floaters:                    Cheryl Slachta

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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

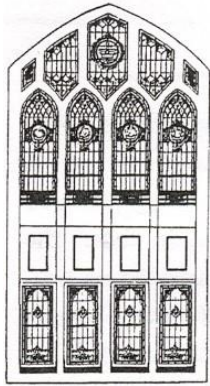
Rev. Elizabeth Villegas  
Minister to Youth & Children  
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
Pastor Emeritus



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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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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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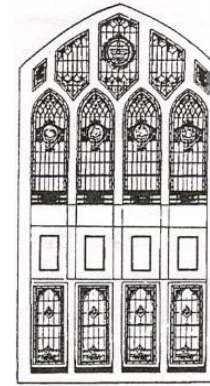
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