

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 8, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

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

Woman's Missionary Union Focus

2019-2020 Watchword: *Unshakable Pursuit*

My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile. – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, CEV

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

Mrs. Kari Pierce and Master Henry Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Linda Alexander

As one season presses into the next, the lives we lead are ever changing.

Yet our God is steadfast, faithful in every season, and to every generation.

When our confidence is shaken or hope is interrupted, where will we find help?

Our help is in God, whose unshakable love is from everlasting to everlasting.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Alexander

+HYMN OF PRAISE 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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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.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 14:1-2

Mrs. Penny Rose

In Pew Bible, page 609 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mrs. Rose & Rev. Thompson

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

The Sanctuary Choir

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Based on Isaiah 43:1-3

Mrs. Rose

But now, says the LORD, says the one who created you and formed you,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

When we pass through the waters, He will be with us.

When we pass through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm us.

When we walk through fire, we shall not be burned.

For the LORD our God, the Holy One of Israel, is our Savior.

+HYMN 575

Redeemed

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Claire Presley

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 Acts 17:16-27

Miss Judy G. Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 167 of New Testament

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SERMON

Unshakable Pursuit

Rev. Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Miss Pierce & Rev. Thompson

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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 435 *Share His Love* SULLIVAN

+BENEDICTION Rev. Thompson

+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 to the glory of God and in memory of Russell P. and Emma Martin by Whit & Chris Powell.

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

*Babies: Joyce Leary & Debbie Rawls
Ages 1 & 2: Anna Dawson & Mary Page Pierce
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Bryan & Jessica Britton
Floater: Susan Earley*

The ushers for today are women who are members of FBCA's Woman's Missionary Union: Sylvia Britt, Pat Byrd, Gloria Freeman, Patricia Hughes, Sarah Mizelle, Peggy Springfield, Rosa Swain, and Margaret Winn.

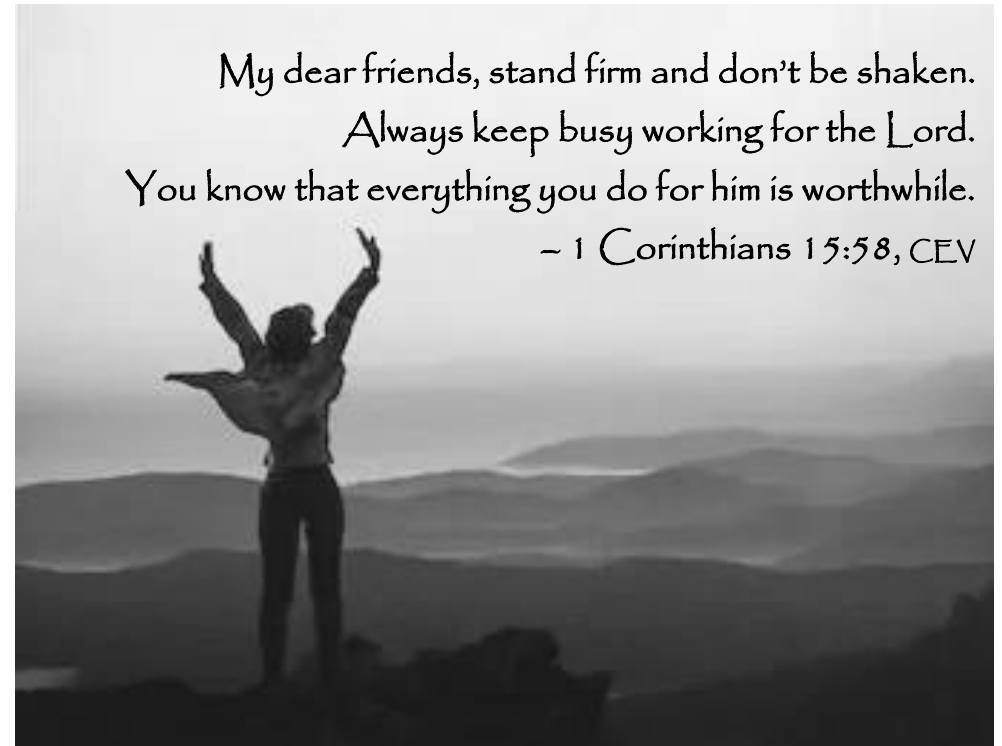
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

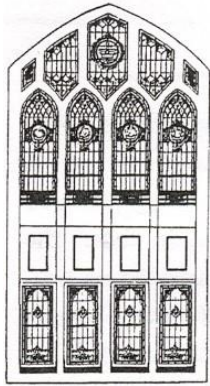


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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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5:00 pm Games *Bring your cornhole boards, croquet, checkers, chess, jump ropes, frisbees, etc.*

6:00 pm Meal *The menu is hotdogs & hamburgers, chips, cookies, soft drinks and bottled water.*

✦ Regular Wednesday Night Schedule – September 11

5:00 pm Supper Line Opens

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, French bread, dessert, tea or water.

\$5 suggested donation; age 4 & under eat free.

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions

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6:30 pm Supper Line Closes

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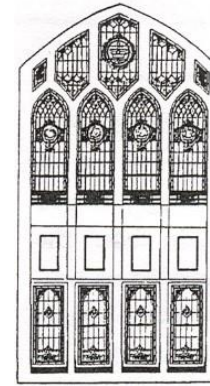
8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

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3. Provide regular assistance to Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps (RCCWJC) with mentors, meals, and more.
4. Provide a monthly ministry at Creekside nursing home with singing and celebrating birthdays.
5. On-going project of collecting ink cartridges to assist our Baptist Children's Homes.
6. Participated in World Day of Prayer. The offering received supports women's ministries around the world.
7. Provided Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes.
8. A Christmas luncheon was prepared for international students at Chowan University.
9. Provided a monetary gift for the International Students Retreat at Chowan University.
10. Sent money to the Associational WMU for Military Biblesticks for service men and women overseas.
11. Held a watermelon party for Ahoskie House residents.
12. Assisted with paper products for S.A.F.E. House and Britton Ministries.
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