

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 15, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Miss Lanie Byrum & Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Nancy Freeman

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune our hearts to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach us some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount!
We're fixed upon it! Mount of Thy redeeming love.

INTROIT I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus Craig Courtney
The Vocal Ensemble

I'll sing the praise of Jesus who bore the cross for me.
His wondrous love, so precious, my constant theme shall be.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise him when safe within the veil.

I'll sing his praise at morning and in the noonday bright.
I'll sing his praise at evening and in the hush of night.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice and shall fail,
And then forever praise him when safe within the veil.

I'll sing the praise of Jesus on whom my hopes depend,
My everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise him when safe within the veil.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 295 *Come, Thy Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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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 Isaiah 55:6-9 Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 838 of Old Testament

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PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O to grace, how great a debtor daily we're constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind our wandering hearts to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, we feel it,
Prone to leave the God we love.
Here are our hearts, Lord, take and seal them,
Seal them for Thy courts above.

+HYMN 587 *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Joyner

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 Luke 15:1-10 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 95 of New Testament

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON

It Happens

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.

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 405 *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

BRADBURY

+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 by Rick & Jamie Burns to the glory of God, and in honor their grandchildren, Adalyn, Wade, and Wyatt Britt.

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

Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose
Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Gretchen & Reagan Zoch
Floater: Melanie Byrum

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey) Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

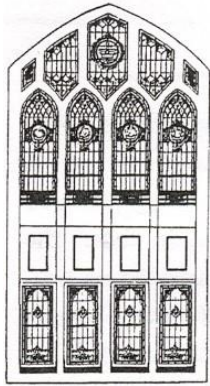
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate



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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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✦ This Week's Committee Meetings

Monday, September 16 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, September 17 5:00 pm Finance Committee
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

✦ Regular Wednesday Night Schedule – September 18

5:00 pm Supper Line Opens *Menu: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas, dessert, tea or water. \$5 suggested donation; age 4 & under eat free.*

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions
•Ages 3-K, Room 105 •Grades 1-5, Choir Room

5:00 pm Women's Adult Bible Study, Room 106

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

6:30 pm Supper Line Closes

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

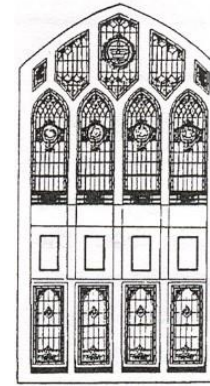
8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

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