

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 1, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Advent*

Today, the cycle of the Christian Year begins anew as we begin the observance of the Season of Advent. The season begins four Sundays before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The word "Advent" from the Latin, adventus, means "coming". The Advent season is a time of preparation and expectation for two comings: the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Hope

Mr. & Mrs. Pate & Anna Pierce,
Fletcher, Camille & Liza

Let us pray . . .

**God of Advent,
on this first Sunday in the season of Advent
you call us to waken and watch for your coming again.
May we wait for Christ's coming with hope in our hearts,
hope that this Christmas your kingdom will come more full
in our lives and through your church.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Hope. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

Mrs. Carolyn Arrington

In Pew Bible, page 3 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 102

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

ANTIOCH

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Arrington

OFFERTORY

Every Valley
The Vocal Ensemble

John Ness Beck

+DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 773 of Old Testament

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SERMON

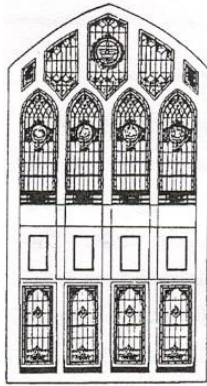
Look Away

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.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

☒ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

☒ Wednesday Night Schedule – December 4

Hostess Committee Servants: Jerri Harrell & Penny Rose

5:00 pm Supper Line Opens

Menu: Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, dessert, tea or water.

\$5 suggested donation (cost to the church is \$7.50 per person); age 4 & under eat free.

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6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting, Youth Room (308)

6:30 pm Supper Line Closes

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

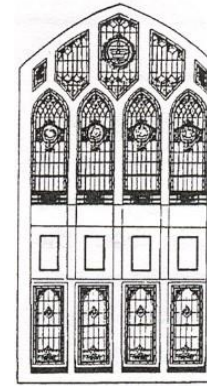
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- Life-saving medical care and ministry in hard-to-reach communities.
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Program: Elizabeth Pittman will sing Christmas music, and provide opportunities for us to sing-along.

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Reader 1: The things we get for Christmas will not last as long as the things we get *from* Christmas. We will finish our Christmas treats, get bored with our Christmas toys and grow out of our Christmas clothes. But the things we get from Christ this Christmas and always - hope, peace, joy and love - will be with us all our life.

Reader 2: Why do we light the Advent candles?

Reader 1: The first Advent candle is the candle of Hope. Jesus is our hope. He died on the cross to save us and gives us everlasting life. "The light of hope shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out."

Reader 2: We light this candle for hope.

(light the first candle)

Reader 1: Let us pray . . .

EVERYONE: God of Advent, on this first Sunday in the season of Advent you call us to waken and watch for your coming again. May we wait for Christ's coming with hope in our hearts, hope that this Christmas your kingdom will come more fully in our lives. Amen.