

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 8, 2019 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday of Advent*

Today marks the second Sunday in the Season of Advent. 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. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Peace

Mr. & Mrs. Josh Brinkley,
Lily Ann & Bryant

Let us pray . . .

**God of Advent,
thank you that even though we see no special star in the sky,
or hear angels singing,
there is a real sense of your peace within us at Christmas time.
Thank you that you are always with us
sharing in our good and bad times,
and giving us your peace.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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 Philippians 4:4-9

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 242 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 132

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Gilliam

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel
Chairo

arr. David Wise

+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 11:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 784 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Help

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 79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

INGATHERING OF CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

MUELLER

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

+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.

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: Bryan & Jessica Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Bea Harrison & Anna Pierce
Floater: Jamie Burns*



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

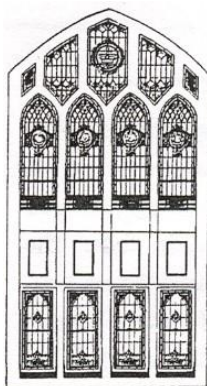
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

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

December 8, 2019

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Annual Global Missions Offering Ingathering: December 8

We'll receive this annual offering beginning today and continuing through the end of March. Our goal is \$8000. Please prayerfully consider how you will support the mission work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Your offering helps provide:

- Life-saving medical care and ministry in hard-to-reach communities.
- Education for forgotten children.
- Food and shelter for people living in poverty.
- Care and support for widows and orphans.
- Loving compassion & community for marginalized people.

✦ Wednesday Night Schedule – December 11

Hostess Committee Servants: Millie Britt & Tracey Brown

5:00 pm Supper Line Opens

Menu: Chicken & rice soup, hot dog, french fries, dessert, tea or water.

\$5 suggested donation (cost to the church is \$7.50 per person); 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

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

6:30 pm Supper Line Closes

7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Run-through: Christmas Choir, Chairo & Vocal Ensemble

✦ JOY Fellowship Senior Adult Lunch

Thursday, December 12 at Noon

Menu: Chicken salad, pimento cheese, and other goodies.

Program: Elizabeth Pittman will sing Christmas music, and provide opportunities for us to sing-along.

Cost: \$5 per person. Sign up is requested by 9:00 am Tuesday, December 10.

✦ Annual Christmas Cantata: *Joy to the World!*

Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm & Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 am

This year's cantata will feature all five of our choral groups: Music Friends (age 3-K), Children Choristers (grades 1-5), Chairo, Vocal Ensemble, and Christmas Choir. A homemade Christmas Cookie Fellowship will follow the December 15th service. Please bring a batch of your favorite recipe to share. Childcare is provided for children (age 3 through kindergarten) for both presentations.

✦ Christian Women's Job Corps Angel Tree

If you, your Sunday School class or family is looking for a way to help a family or individual in need during the Christmas holidays, you're invited to participate in Christian Women's Job Corps' Angel Tree gift-giving opportunity. The tree is on the 1st floor. Gifts need to be at church by December 19. Please keep your angel with your gifts. For more information, contact Pat Byrd, CWJC Director.

✦ Christmas Open House at the Gilliam's

Sunday, December 22; 3:00—5:30 pm

620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro

✦ Operation Inasmuch Christmas Day Lunch

December 24, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

We are honored to host once again our annual Operation Inasmuch Christmas Day Lunch. We are pleased to partner with other area churches to provide a free, delicious, hot meal, and fellowship for anyone in our community who would like to come.

First Baptist's responsibilities include cooking a turkey, preparing a large pan of dressing (roaster pan size), and providing cakes for dessert. We will need 10 cakes that will feed approximately 15-18 people each. If you'd like to volunteer for any of these, please sign up on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor hallway or call the church office. All food items need to be at the church by 10:00 am on Christmas Day. They can be delivered prior to that day if needed.

And if you'd like to help with set up, serving, delivery of meals to the homebound, or clean up, please call Pat Byrd at 252-332-4122.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Peace

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Lily Ann & Bryant

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 Jesus 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: We lit the first candle to remind us
of the Hope we have in Jesus.
The second candle is the candle of PEACE.
Its light reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
His peace is deep within us.
It spreads from us to friends and strangers,
and brings justice to our world.

Reader 2: We light this candle for peace. (light the second candle)

Reader 1: Let us pray . . .

**Everyone: God of Advent,
thank you that even though we see no special star in the
sky,
or hear angels singing,
there is a real sense of your peace within us at Christmas
time.**

**Thank you that you are always with us
in our good times and bad times,
giving us your peace.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.**