

Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
5:00 pm

Music Ministry Opportunities

For Children

Two groups, Age 3 through Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 5, meet each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All children in the Roanoke-Chowan area are invited to join us. We are currently on Christmas break and will resume on January 8.

For Youth & Adults

Chairo is an intergenerational music ensemble for students in Grades 6 through 12, and adults of all ages. *Chairo* sings Praise & Worship music and multi-cultural sacred song. We meet on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and will resume rehearsals on January 12. The word *Chairo* comes from the Greek word χαίρω meaning “to rejoice.”

The Sanctuary Choir is our primary worship leadership choir which sings a variety of music styles. Adults and high school students meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and/or Sunday’s from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Singers may choose one or both of these rehearsal times. Rehearsals resume on January 8 and 12 respectively.

Joy to the World!



the Lord is Come!

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Sundays

9:45 am Bible Study for all ages
11:00 am Worship

Wednesdays

5:00 pm Children’s Music & Missions,
Women’s Bible Study
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth
Gathering (Grades 6-12)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

A Cantata for Christmas
Presented by the Music Ministry of
First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

December 22, 2019
11:00 am

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The year 2019 marks the 300th anniversary of the hymn, “Joy to the World.” Isaac Watts, the son of an English minister, and a minister himself, published the text in 1719 in a collection titled, The Psalms of David: Imitated in the language of the New Testament, and applied to the Christian State and Worship. For 300 years Christians around the world have been joyfully heralding our Savior’s birth using Isaac Watt’s inspired words set to Lowell Mason’s tune. This morning we join our voices with theirs as we proclaim together, Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Let All Their Songs Employ

Rejoice with Joy to the World

Pepper Choplin, Arranger
The Christmas Choir

Every Heart Prepare Him Room

Christmas Bells

Mary Ann Cooper, Composer

No Place to Stay

Claire Russell, Composer
Music Friends

THE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Soprano
Katherine Allen
Eva Early
Vicky Overman
Claire Presley

Tenor
Jordan Martin
Jim Wiggins

Bass
Scott Outlaw
Brandon Zoch

Alto
Linda Alexander
Nancy Baker
Judy G. Pierce

THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Soprano
Katherine Allen
Rita Myers Bula
Jamie Burns
Jennifer Byrd
Harriet Byrum
Betty Cooper
Eva Early
Gail Holloman
Claudia Morris
Vicky Overman
Claire Presley
Mary Ann Umphlett
Dana Wiggins
Gretchen Zoch

Tenor
Jordan Martin
Jim Wiggins

Bass
Charles Freeman
Steven Hollingsworth
Thomas Jernigan
Scott Outlaw
Brandon Zoch

Alto
Linda Alexander
Nancy Baker
Carol Jean Fretwell
Judy G. Pierce
Bonnie Revelle
Cheryl Slachta
Carolyn Smith

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Tori Allen, *Trumpet*
Rick Burns, *Guitar*
Jenni Byrd, *Handbells*

Kay Byrd, *Handbells*
Nicholas Fullenwider, *Cello*
Jacob Hartman, *Horn*
Thomas Jernigan, *Handbells*

Jordan Martin, *Handbells*
Carlos Richter, *Trumpet*
Kimberly Smith, *Flute*

Bland Baker, Pianist ♦ Anita Thompson, Director

The Choirs of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

MUSIC FRIENDS

Age 3 through Kindergarten

Abby Alexander	Graham Lawrence	Stuart Pierce
Benjamin Britton	Sarah Newbern	Milly Vaughan
Corbett Britton	Bennett Pierce	Worth Villegas
Leslie Jernigan		Madison Whatley

*Rita Myers Bula and Suzanne Newbern, Leaders
J.C. Doughtie and Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Assistants*

THE CHILDREN CHORISTERS

Grades 1-5

Ava Blanchard	Ella Harrell	Macy Roberts
Emily Blanchard	Perry Newbern	Makynley Roberts
Lily Ann Brinkley	Dempsey Pierce	Tyler Slaughter
Sophia Byrd	Henry Pierce	Gates Vaughan
	Liza Pierce	

*Anita Thompson, Leader
Avery Byrum, Miracle Deloatch, Jayne Frei, Assistants*

CHAIRO

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>	<i>Alto</i>
Jamie Burns	Linda Alexander	Steven Hollingsworth	Nancy Baker
Jennifer Byrd	Lyndsay Britt	Jordan Martin	Jane Marie Hollingsworth
Harriet Byrum	Cheryl Slachta	Brandon Zoch	Reagan Zoch
Betty Cooper			
Gail Holloman			
Betty Joyner			
Claudia Morris			
Vicky Overman			
Gretchen Zoch			
Justice Zoch			

Angels We Have Heard on High

Trevor Noah, Arranger
The Children Choristers

Repeat the Sounding Joy

How Great our Joy

Craig Courtney, Arranger
The Christmas Choir

The Shepherd's Medley: The First Noel with Silent Night

Jennette Jay Booth, Arranger
Sing-along

The offering will be received during this singing of these carols.

1. Males Voices: The first Noel the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!
2. Female Voices & Children: Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.
3. Sung at the same time . . .

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Born is the King of Israel!

Female Voices

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!"

The Wonders of His Love

Advent Candle Lighting: Love
Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Newbern, Perry & Sarah

Let us pray . . .

**Everyone: God of Advent,
Thank you for sending your son, Jesus,
to show us what your love looks like.
May our lives reflect His love
every day and with everyone.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who IS love.
Amen.**

Lo, How a Rose with The Rose
Craig Hella Johnson, Arranger
Jordan Martin & Anita Thompson

Every Valley
John Ness Beck, Composer
The Vocal Ensemble

Mary, Did You Know?
Larry Shackley, Arranger
The Vocal Ensemble

Let Earth Receive Her King

Emmanuel
Robert Wise, Arranger
Chairo

Born That We May Have Life
Bradley Knight, Arranger
Chairo

Joy to the World!

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Dan Forrest, Arranger
The Christmas Choir & Congregation

All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Choir Only: No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Choir Only: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

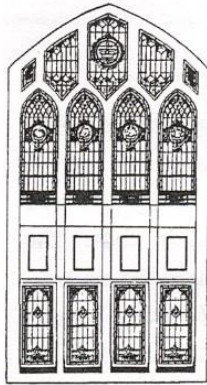
All: He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+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.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

December 22, 2019

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✦ Christmas Open House at the Gilliam's

Today from 3:00 to 5:30 pm

620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro

✦ Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22

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✦ Operation Inasmuch Christmas Day Lunch

December 25 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

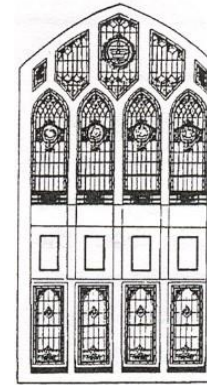
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Thank you, FBC, for volunteering to provide a turkey, a large pan of dressing, and desserts. All those needs are taken care of. If you'd like to help with set up, serving, clean up, or delivery of meals to the homebound, please call Pat Byrd at 252-332-4122.

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We'll receive this annual offering through the end of March. Our goal is \$8000. Please prayerfully consider how you will support the mission work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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Menu: Vegetable soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, tropical fruit, crackers & brownies.

Program: Lucy Daniels, Don Upchurch's widow, will present his 20 years of research on the Lost Colony.

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