

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 5, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany Sunday*

The Epiphany season celebrates Christ's incarnation for all people of the world. Epiphany, a Greek word meaning "appearing" or "revealing", celebrates the discovery that Someone has come, sent by God, to bring righteousness into our world and to reveal the unimaginable depth of God's love. In the Gospel of Matthew, the magi discovered that revelation when the star guided them to the Christ Child. The Epiphany season ends on Transfiguration Sunday which falls in 2020, on February 23.

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

Another Year is Dawning

arr. McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Stuart Pierce

O Come, Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded Christ's coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come, seeking to worship the infant King.

Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of love is shining upon us

INTROIT

Jesus, the Light of the World

C.Wesley/Elderkin

The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE

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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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Dr. Bonnie Revelle

In Pew Bible, page 2 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

God's Light is present in this world;

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness,

Present in the star and in all that guides us to love.

God's Light is in the world, and the darkness did not and has not overcome it.

God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.

We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

+HYMN

As with Gladness

DIX

As with gladness magi bold, did the guiding star behold;

As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,

So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to the place Christ laid his head,

There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore,

So, may we with willing feet, ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered Him their gifts, myrrh and gold and frankincense,

So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Revelle

ORGAN OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Linker

+DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-8

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 143 of New Testament

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SERMON

Go!

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.

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

+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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Manz

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Julian Robertson by Mr. & Mrs. Walt Pierce.

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

- Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw
- Ages 1 & 2: Nat & Lou Riddick
- Age 3 – Kindergarten: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis
- Floater: Heath & Lyndsay Britt



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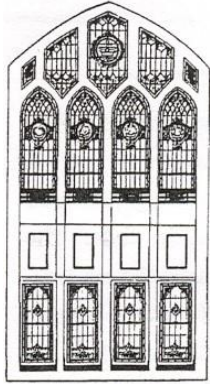
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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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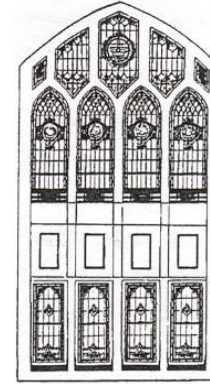
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