

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 12, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Season of Epiphany – Baptism of the Lord*

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. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Kerrick

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Nancy Freeman

God said,

"Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said,

"I am the Light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said,

"You are the light of the world."

And the light shall not be quenched.

INTROIT *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Larry Shackley
The Vocal Ensemble

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 159 *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH

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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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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 Mr. Walt Pierce

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 *The Light of the World is Jesus* Phillip Paul Bliss

See Insert

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Pierce

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Manz

+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 Acts 10:34-45 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 157 of New Testament

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SERMON *Be Brave* 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 427 *We've a Story to Tell*

MESSAGE

+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.

+POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, by Carroll, Monte, Anita, and Mark Thompson, in memory of Ella Thompson, loving wife and mother, whose birthday is January 13.

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: Anna Dawson & Mary Page Pierce
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Bryan & Jessica Britton
Floater: Susan Earley*

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



*... suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove ...*

Matthew 3:16, NRSV

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

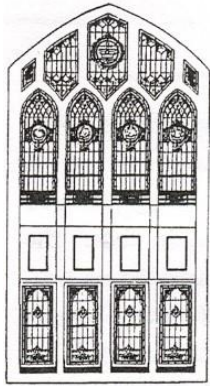
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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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4:00 pm Chairo (for Grade 6 – Adults), *Choir Room*

5:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Sunday (for Grade 9 – Adults), *Choir Room*

☒ January Youth Scavenger Hunt is Today at 5:00 pm

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☒ Wednesday Night Schedule – January 15

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7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

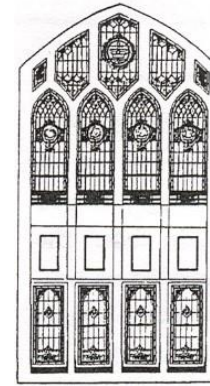
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3. Ye dwell - ers in dark-ness With sin blind-ed eyes, The Light of the world is
4. No need of the sun - light In Hea - ven we're told; The Light of the world is

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