

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 2, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *We've a Story to Tell* arr. Powell

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Mr. Andy Woodard & Master Ben Woodard, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Charles Hughes

Mere drops of water can bring a seed to birth.

**Refresh us with Your streams of love, O God.**

One song can drive away despair.

**Sing Your song in us and through us, O God.**

Words of truth can convict and heal.

**Plant Your truth deep within us, O God.**

The light of a single candle can chase away the darkness.

**Shine Your light on us and through us, O God.**

INTROIT *Shine on Us* arr. Gary Rhodes  
The Vocal Ensemble

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Hughes

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:1-8 Ms. Claire Presley

In Pew Bible, page 1060 of Old 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

What has God done to us - shown mercy!

What has God done for us - forgiven us!

**This is the Good News for us.**

**For God calls us to a new life of justice, kindness and humility,**

of meekness, spiritual hunger, and mercy,

**of pure hearts and peacemaking.**

We are blessed!

**We will rejoice and be glad!**

+HYMN 354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Presley

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Blest Are They* David Haas  
The Sanctuary Choir

+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 Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley

In Pew Bible, page 4 of New Testament

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SERMON *The Posture of Faith* Dr. Baxley

## 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 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

+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.*

+ORGAN POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Hustad

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by E.L. & Barbara Holloman.*

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

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper  
Ages 1 & 2: Brian & Victoria Outlaw & Nancy Cobbs  
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce  
Floater: Cheryl Slachta

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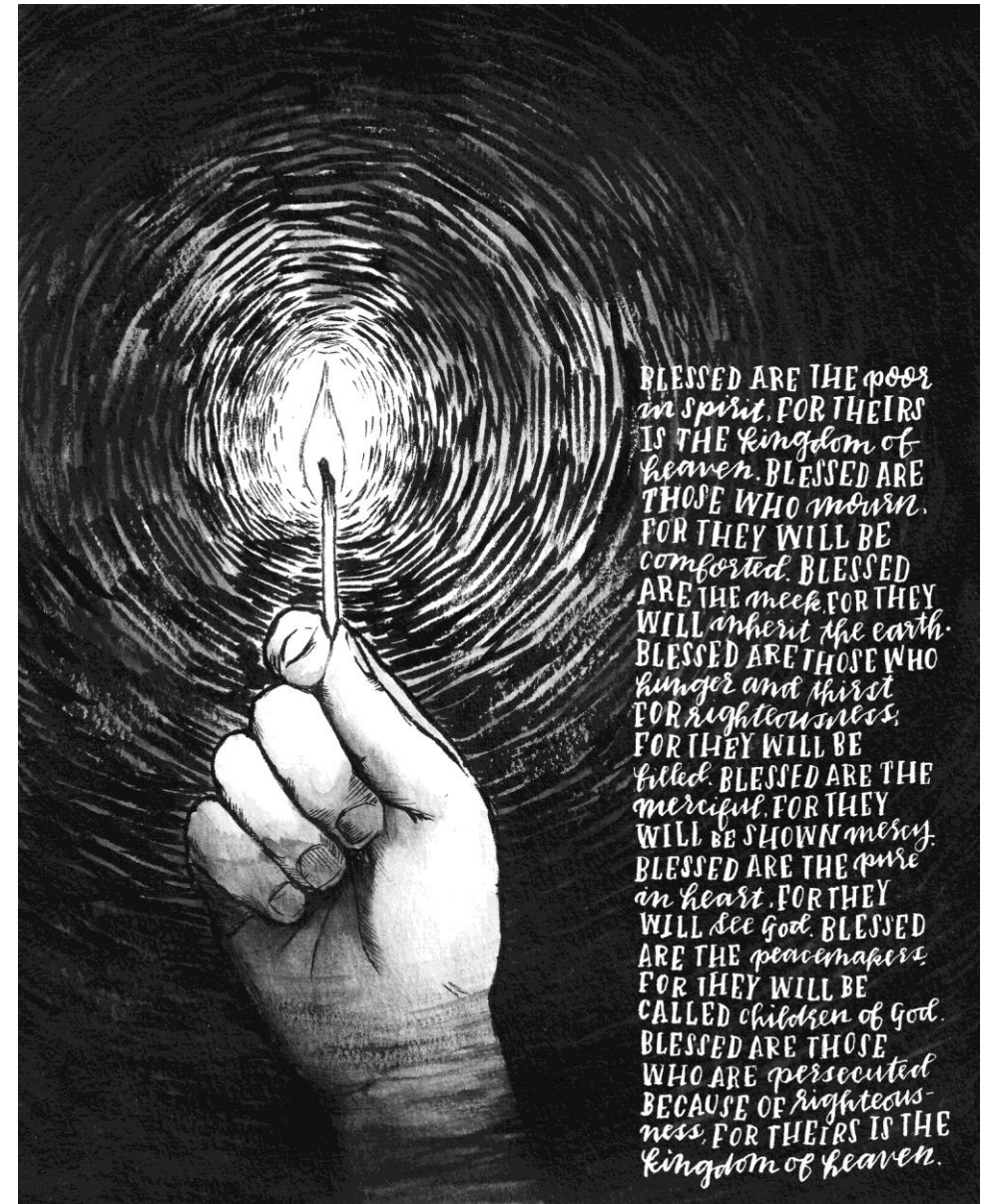
## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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/Pianist

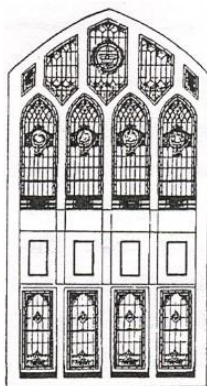
Ms. Belinda Butler  
Music Associate/Organist



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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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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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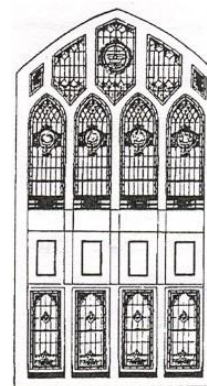
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