

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 29, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday after Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Don Joyner

O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy,
And our hands like drums to beat a holy rhythm.

O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,
And our feet were lively enough to dance our praise.

O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder,
And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.

Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer.
And help us this day to sing, like the choir of angels, in exultation and joy.

INTROIT

Ring the Bells
Vicky Overman, Soloist

Harry Bollback

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:1-14

Mrs. Lyndsay Britt

In Pew Bible, page 111 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Gilliam

Hear the good news of Christmas:
God has revealed to us the wonders of divine, forgiving love.
**For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.
His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

+HYMN 143

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Britt

OFFERTORY

+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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 780 of Old Testament

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SERMON

A Child

Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time or 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 122 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+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: Kay Byrd & Austine Evans
Age 1 & 2: Sylvia Britt & Nancy Freeman
Age 3 - Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette
Floater: Betty Joyner*

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Isaiah 9:6

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

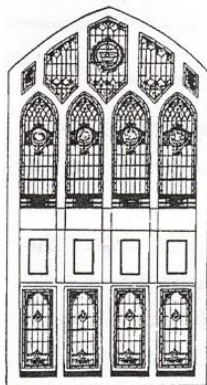
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

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

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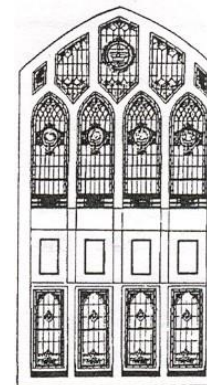
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