

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 9, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Mr. Josh Brinkley & Miss Lily Ann Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Rick Burns

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love God.

**We are drawn to worship by love beyond our knowing,  
by the secret and hidden wisdom of God.**

God comes among us and within each one,  
inviting us to be salty Christians.

**We are each important to the good work God seeks to accomplish  
with and through us.**

We are called to be lights in the world and to let our lights shine brightly.

**God expects us to reflect eternal truth and lead others to Christ's way.**

With the humility of the apostle Paul,  
we offer our weakness and limited insight.

**In our worship and in our service,  
we seek to demonstrate the Spirit of Christ.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Burns

+HYMN OF PRAISE 344 *Glorious Is Thy Name* GLORIOUS NAME

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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 5:13-20 Chairo  
In Pew Bible, page 5 of New Testament

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

Chairo

Marty Haugen

*Chairo is a transliteration of the Greek word, χαίρω, which means "to rejoice."*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 436 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* LAFFERTY

All: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Anita: Jesus is the answer for the world today.  
Above Him there's no other; Jesus is the way.

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And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Miss Judy G. Pierce

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* arr. Gadd

+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 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Dr. Gilliam  
In Pew Bible, page 202 of New Testament

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SERMON

*Bells and Whistles*

Dr. Gilliam

*At the conclusion of the sermon, we may 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 580 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

MY REDEEMER

+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.*

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Festal Song*

arr. Young

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given in memory of T.E. Ward by Ruth Ward.*

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

*Babies: Noreen Hannon & Debbie Rawls*

*Ages 1 & 2: Bryan & Jessica Britton*

*Age 3 – Kindergarten: Harriet Byrum & Claudia Morris*

*Floater: Jamie Burns*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson    Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)  
*Associate Pastor*                      *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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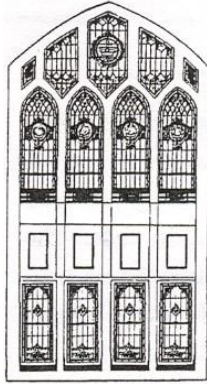
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9,10

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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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## ✦ JOY Fellowship Valentine's Lunch

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Menu: Country ham, fruit salad, baked sweet potatoes, string beans & red velvet cake

Program: Mike Lassiter from Aulander, NC will perform musical selections.

Cost: \$5 per person. Sign up is requested by 9:00 am Tuesday, February 11.

## ✦ Wednesday Night Schedule – February 12

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions: •Ages 3-K, Room 105  
•Grades 1-5, Choir Room

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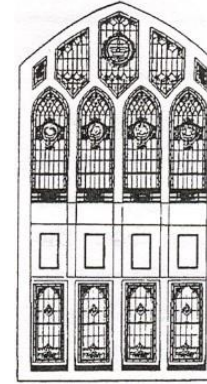
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