

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 16, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern & Master Perry Newbern, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Liza Pierce

God, You bring us together in this place.

We come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.

God, You challenge us in this place.

We embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

God, You are revealed in this place —

sometimes in shining glory, sometimes through tears and struggle.

Holy God, as we worship in this place,

refresh, renew and challenge us.

We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship.

Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

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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.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119:1-8

Master Henry Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 696 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

Oh, how good is Christ the Lord!

On the cross he died for us.

He has pardoned all our sin.

Glory be to Jesus!

+HYMN MEDLEY

576

I Stand Amazed

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

600

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

O how He loves you and me!

O how He loves you and me!

He gave His life; what more could He give?

O how He loves you;

O how He loves me;

O how He loves you and me!

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Miss Sophia Byrd

OFFERTORY

O How Good is Christ the Lord

arr. Jeff Reeves

The Children Choristers

+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 3:1-9

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 203 of New Testament

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SERMON

Growing Up Is Hard to Do

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 497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

+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.

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sara Minton Poag, Art Minton, and Lil Minton, in memory of their parents, Percy & Margie Rhea Minton.

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

*Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose
Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Harriet Byrum & Claudia Morris
Floaters: Melanie Byrum*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

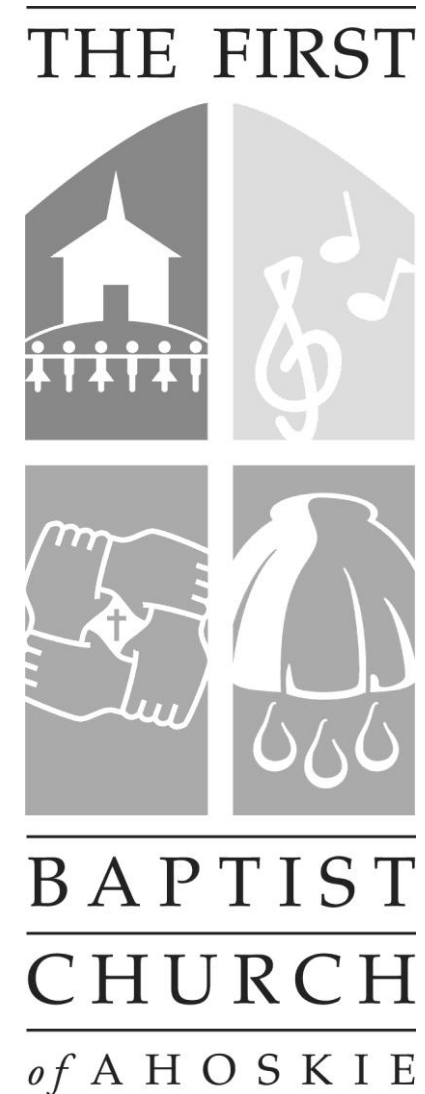
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

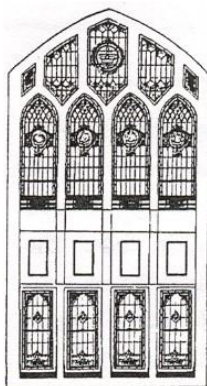
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist



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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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•Grades 1-5, Choir Room

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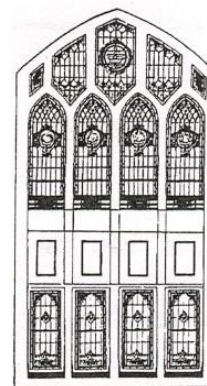
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