

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 23, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Transfiguration of the Lord*

*Transfiguration Sunday is the final and climactic Sunday in the Epiphany season. On this Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain where Peter, John and James watched in amazement as the radiant Jesus spoke with the glorified Moses and Elijah. Jesus' identity as Son of God is revealed unmistakably when the Father physically glorifies Jesus and then announces, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!" And so, as we commemorate the glory and brilliance of our transfigured Lord, we are compelled to claim and proclaim Him Savior and Lord, and follow wherever He leads.*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Paul Manz

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Miss Ella Harrell & Miss Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Miss Reagan Zoch

In the house where the magi found the Christ Child,  
**the miracle of the birth of the Messiah was revealed.**  
By the banks of the river Jordan where Jesus was baptized,  
**the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,**  
**and God's voice proclaimed, "You are my Son."**  
To a group of fisherman Jesus offered a new way of life, a new way of fishing;  
**and they would now catch people, and bring them into the Kingdom.**  
In the quiet places, Jesus found rest and communion with his Father  
**and He revealed to us the need to do the same.**  
It was on the mountaintop that the glory of Christ shone bright as the sun.  
**And the light within Him fills our hearts, is reflected on our faces,**  
**and compels us to serve the world in His name.**

INTROIT *O God, Beyond All Praising* arr. Proulx  
The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Miss Zoch

+HYMN OF PRAISE 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

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 17:1-9 Mr. Henry Joyner  
In Pew Bible, page 22 of New Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say,  
"Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.  
**Amen.**

+HYMN 360 *We Will Glorify* WE WILL GLORIFY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Joyner

OFFERTORY *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin  
Brandon Zoch, Soloist

+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 2 Peter: 1:16-21 Dr. Gilliam  
In Pew Bible, page 287 of New Testament

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SERMON

*Really? Yes, Really*

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 161 *See Our Lord in All His Glory* CWM RHONDDA

+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 *Jubilate* Young

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Duck & Jerri Harrell to the glory of God and in memory of Lila & L.S. Jernigan Jr.*

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

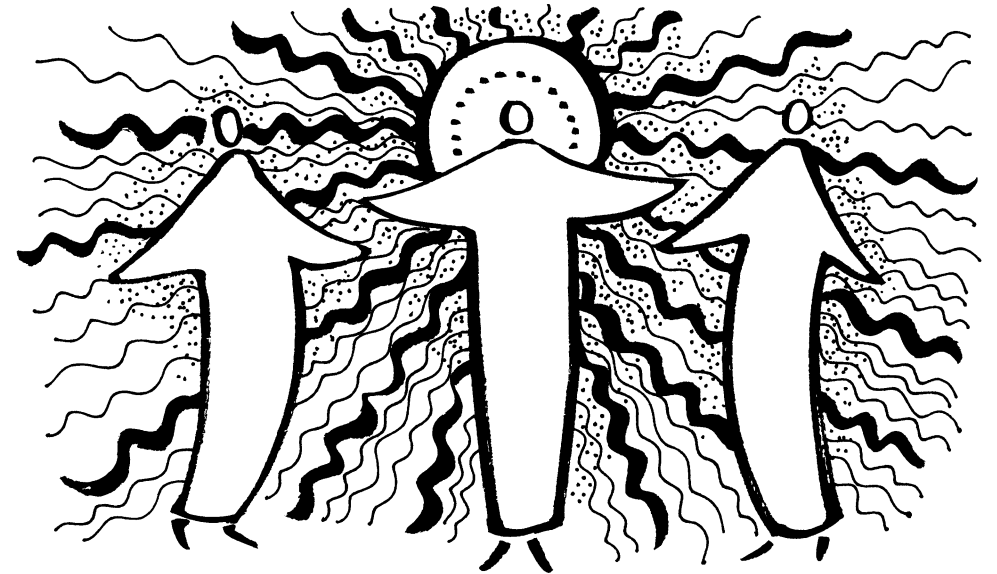
- Babies: Angela Kinlaw*
- Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland*
- Age 3 – Kindergarten: James & Eva Early*
- Floater: Judy H. Pierce*

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*

# Transfiguration of the Lord



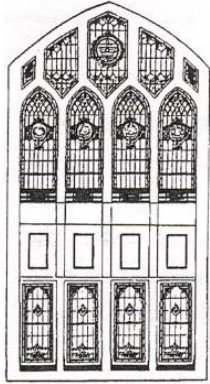
*until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts*

|| PETER 1:19

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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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6:00 pm Meal • \$5 per person

6:45pm Service of Worship

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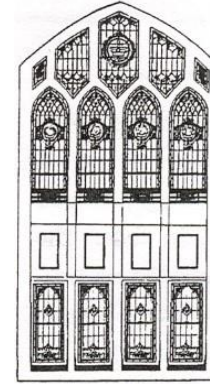
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