

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 8, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

He Lifted Me

arr. Kerrick

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Avery Byrum & Miss Lily Ann Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Gloria Freeman

The One who made heaven and earth is listening.

The One who keeps our soul is ready to hear our plea.

The One who saves us from all evil

awaits our prayers of thanksgiving and petition.

Lift up your eyes to the hills.

Behold the One who is your help,

and offer up your worship to God.

INTROIT

Lift Thine Eyes

Mendelssohn

The Sanctuary Choir

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountain whence cometh our help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, "Thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber."

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountain whence cometh our help.

- Based on Psalm 121

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE 323

How Great Thou Art

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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 121

Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

In Pew Bible, page 702 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Gilliam

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds we have been healed. Thanks be to God.

– from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

+HYMN 184

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Zoch

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Manz

+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 Luke 18:9-14

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 99 of New Testament

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SERMON *Heart Health* 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 186 *When I Survey the Wonderous Cross* HAMBURG

+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 *Toccata in Seven* Rutter

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God & in loving memory of Hal & Ann Daniels by Kim & Ed Cherry, Henry & Pat Daniels & families.

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

Babies: *Joyce Leary & Debbie Rawls*
Ages 1 & 2: *Anna Dawson & Mary Page Pierce*
Age 3 – Kindergarten: *Bryan & Jessica Britton*
Floater: *Susan Earley*



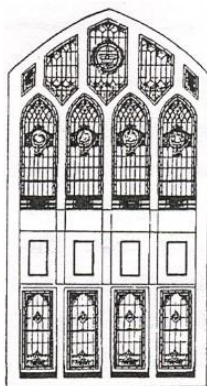
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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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*



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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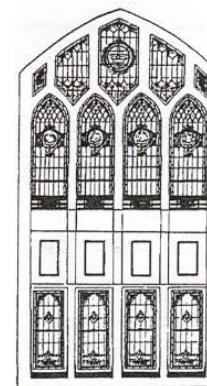
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✘ Vote on Capital Campaign Committee Recommendation

Sunday, March 22, Prior to Morning Worship

All church members are invited to vote during this brief business meeting. There will be no discussion on the March 22nd, just the vote. The members of the capital campaign committee are: Austine Evans (co-chair), Charles Hughes (co-chair), Buzzy Swain, Walt Pierce, Lyndsay Britt, and Penny Rose.

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✘ A Staff Change

For approximately 18 months Heather Joyner has served us exceedingly well as secretary. Though we are saddened to see her go, we rejoice with her as she begins a new, full-time job at Coastal AgroBusiness in Murfreesboro. Heather's last day with us will be March 13. Until then, please join the church staff in offering your thanks to Heather for the fine job she has done for us.

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