

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 15, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PRELUDE

Glorious Is Thy Name

arr. Page

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Stuart Pierce & Master Bennett Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Tim Frei

The word of God came to Jonah.

The word of God comes to us.

God says,

Go, despite our fears.

God says,

Proclaim the Good News to others.

God says,

Love your neighbor and your enemy.

God says,

Forgive as you have been forgiven.

God says,

Receive grace upon grace, overflowing from the fullness of His love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Frei

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

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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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 8:2-11

Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 122 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

You Say

Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram,

Chairo

and Paul Mabury

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God says we are loved when we can't feel a thing.

God says we are strong when we think we're weak.

God says we are held when we are falling short.

When we feel we don't belong, God says we are His.

Believe, brothers and sisters!

Believe that what God says of you and me is true!

We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 576

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Joyner

CHORAL OFFERTORY

No Man Condemns You

Buryl Red

The Sanctuary Choir

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 1054 of Old Testament

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SERMON *The Scandal of Lent* 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 694 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* MORNING SONG

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+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.

+POSTLUDE *March* Handel

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Hannah & Ollie Brown by their children.

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 G. Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Gretchen & Reagan Zoch
Floater: Melanie Byrum



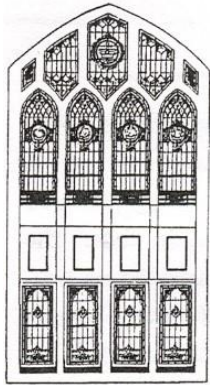
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 15, 2020

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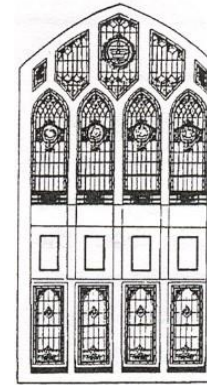
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