

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 22, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

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

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3) and on Facebook live.

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* arr. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Linda Alexander

This is the day that the Lord has made.
But it's not the kind of Lord's Day we're used to.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
But we're having to worship apart from one another.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
**Though it's not what we're used to,
and we miss worshipping together in our beautiful sanctuary,
we are still God's church.**

And whether we're worshipping by radio or internet,
together we proclaim:
**This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Dr. Alexander

+HYMN OF PRAISE 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

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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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23 Mr. Andy Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 617 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *By the Gentle Waters* Cindy Berry

The Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Dr. Gilliam

Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
we will fear no evil.

For God is with us. His rod and his staff, they comfort us.

Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and they know me.

And I lay down my life for the sheep."

In Christ, our Shepherd, we have the forgiveness of sins

and the riches of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 405 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Woodard

ORGAN OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Page

+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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

In Pew Bible, page 24 of New Testament

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Thanks be to God.

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON

From the Heart

Dr. Gilliam

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 680 *I Then Shall Live*

FINLANDIA

+BENEDICTION

+LENTEN RESPONSE

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.

arr. Mark Edwards

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

March

Young

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jessie Simons and family in memory of John David (Dave) Simon Jr.

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

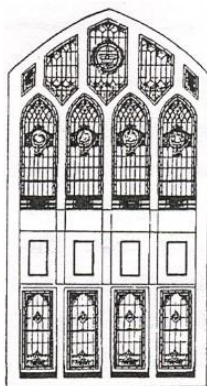
Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist



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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 22, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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✘ Vote on Capital Campaign Committee Recommendation

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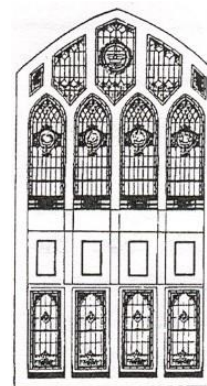
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