



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

March 29, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth 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), through our church website, and on Facebook live.*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Hamlin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

Jesus says to us, "Come to me,  
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)  
**We come to you, O Christ,  
for we are indeed weary and in need of rest,  
rest for our minds, rest for our hearts, rest for our souls.**

INTROIT

*Come Unto Me*  
Anita Thompson, Soloist

Mark Blankenship

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Gilliam

*A hymn sheet with the text and music is on page 4 of this document.*

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what He deems best--  
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in eve'ry tribulation  
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within Thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till I reach the promised land.

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.**



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Philippians 4:6-8

Mr. Andy Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 242 of New 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

We have offered to God the concerns of our hearts and minds.  
We trust that God not only hears our prayers and forgives us,  
but in His almighty wisdom and awareness of our needs,  
God answers our prayers.  
**Thanks be to God!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Woodard

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Because I Have Been Given Much*

arr. Kerrick

+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 Genesis 50:14-21

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 59 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

*Off the Hook?*

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

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

HOLY MANNA

*Sung to the tune most often used with the hymn, "Christians, we have met to worship."*

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;  
Plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.  
Teach us how to be forgiving, in us kindle love of peace;  
Help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side,  
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old--  
Help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,  
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ord'ring human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;  
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

- Joy F. Patterson, 1994. Altered

+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.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Promenade*

Young

+Please stand, if able.

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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*

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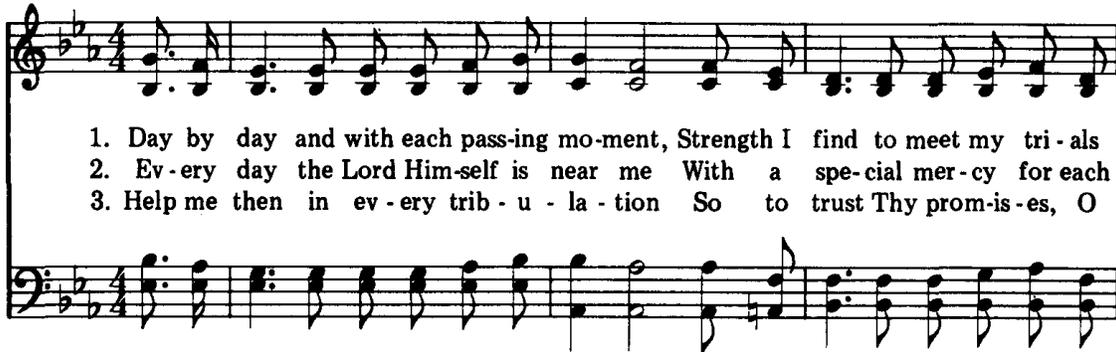
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*As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33:25*

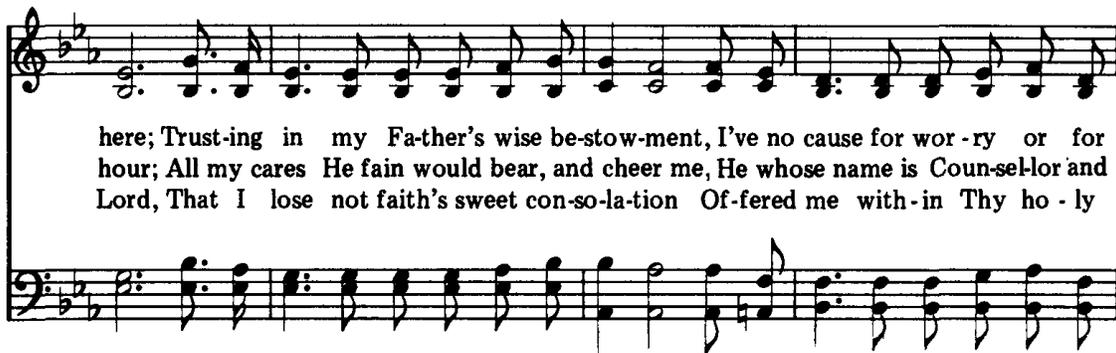
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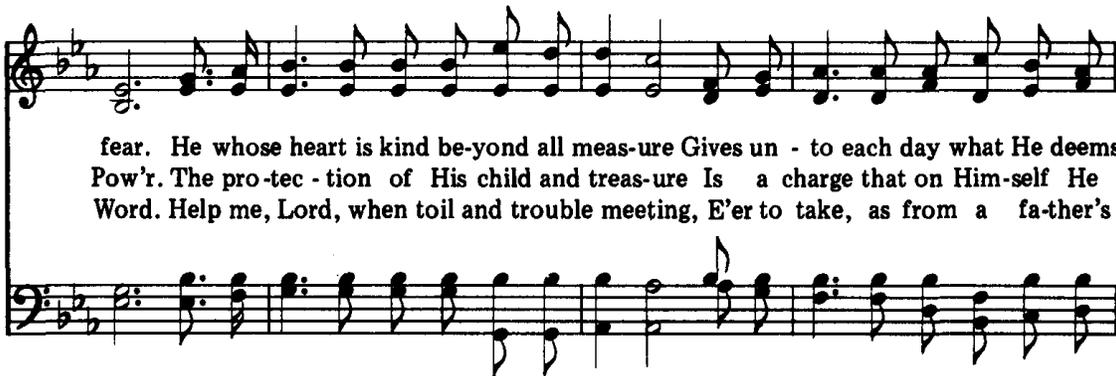
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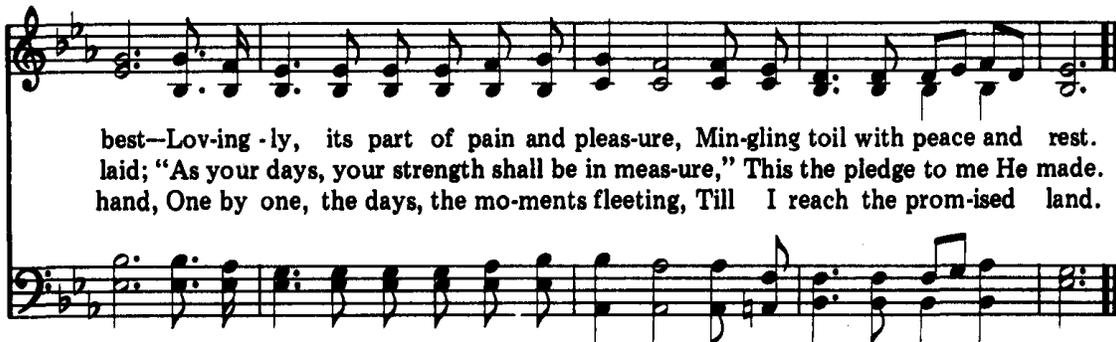
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3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion So to trust Thy prom-is - es, O



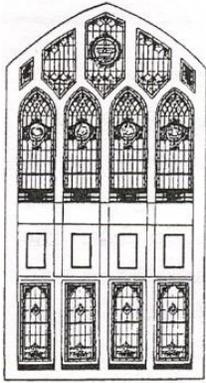
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# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 29, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✘ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to Judy H. Pierce, Carolyn Pierce, and Catherine Pierce in the March 26 passing of their husband and father respectively, Charlie Pierce. A graveside service was held yesterday.*

## ✘ Altar Flowers

*Today's altar flowers are given by Gayle Cross and family to the glory of God and in memory of Bobby Cross who was born March 28, 1935 and died on May 11, 1988.*

## ✘ Church Activities Suspended

*All church activities are suspended until further notice. We will continue to worship together by way of the radio (FM 99.3), our website, and Facebook live. In the meantime, let us pray for one another and for our world.*

## ✘ Vote on Capital Campaign Committee Recommendation

*Today is the last day to vote. Voting began on Sunday March 22 and will end on Sunday March 29, 2020.*

## ✘ Staff Anniversary

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> marks Selton Vaughan's second anniversary as custodian for our church.*