



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 31, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Day of Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS		Rev. Anita Thompson
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
PASTORAL SENTENCES		Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam
ORGAN PRELUDE	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i>	arr. Wagner
THE PENTECOST STORY	Acts 2:1-21	Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam, Rev. Thompson, and Mr. Andy Woodard
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Mrs. Gilliam
+HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Gracious God</i>	NETTLETON
(Sung to the tune usually used with the hymn text, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.")		
Gracious God, we will not gather, side by side, this Pentecost. How we long to be together, crowded close, beneath the cross! Still we join our hearts with others, trusting in your love and grace. We are here – your sons and daughters – praising you in every place.		
In our houses and apartments, in the rooms where people stay, In the midst of this pandemic, God, we worship, sing and pray. People from each land and nation, in each language that we use, Grieve the need for separation, yet, united, share Good News.		

As we're distant from each other in the midst of so much fear,
May your churches all remember: By your Spirit, you are here!
Long ago, the wind came blowing; flames of love and boldness spread.
Soon the church went out proclaiming: "Christ is risen from the dead!"

Peter preached what Joel had promised: In the most uncertain times,
You give dreams and visions to us; you send great and wondrous signs!
By your Spirit, give us courage! May your Church unite to be
Bearers of your Good News message to your world community.

- Written for Pentecost 2020. Words and music: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thompson & Dr. Gilliam

Child Dedication

Henry Wade Britt
Richard Wyatt Britt
See page 5.

CHILDREN'S 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

Ezra 3:8-13

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 523 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

Me

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence for reflection.

+HYMN 285

God of Grace and God of Glory
See page 6.

CWM RHONDDA

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Woodard

OFFERTORY

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

arr. Larry Shackley

+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 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Mr. Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 212 of New Testament

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Gilliam

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service, community and unity. In this Spirit, and through Jesus the Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

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 272 *They'll Know We are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

Stanzas 1 & 4

See page 7.

+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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

arr. Callahan

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

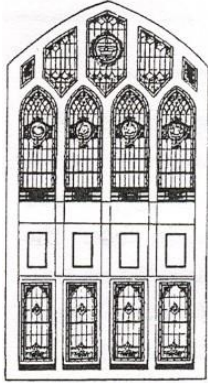
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 31, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Worship in the Sanctuary – A Change of Plans

At the pastor's request, our church leadership has decided to delay the re-opening of our sanctuary for gathered worship. For more information, see the Almost Sunday video on our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please speak with Trey, Anita, a deacon, or a member of the Transition Committee.

✘ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Tune in to our church Facebook page for live-streaming each Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm. Trey Gilliam leads discussions on a variety of topics, assisted by Anita Thompson and Andy Woodard.

✘ Worship Flowers

During this time of sheltering in place, persons who have signed up to provide worship flowers have the option of observing our usual practice, or using the lovely peace lily that one of our families provided. The choices have varied from Sunday to Sunday. At the appropriate time, please let the church office know of your preference. Here is the schedule for June.

- June 7 Oliver Fleming
- June 14 Anita Thompson
- June 21 Doug & Nancy Cobbs
- June 28 Spencer & Dolores Matthews

✘ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

The 2020 CBF General Assembly was originally scheduled to take place in Atlanta in late June. But due to the pandemic, the annual gathering will now be held virtually, June 25-26. Proclaimers are Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator, CBF; and Rev. Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX. Plenary Speakers are Rev. Dr. Emmanuel McCall, Pastor-Emeritus, First Baptist Church, East Point, GA; and Jade and Shelah Acker, field personnel, serving in Kampala, Uganda. Register at cbf.net/general-assembly-2020.

✘ Worship Notes

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. We are thankful for Vicky Overman and Jim Wiggins for their assistance with music leadership.

CHILD DEDICATION

Henry Wade Britt & Richard Wyatt Britt
Born on August 19, 2019
Sons of Heath & Lyndsay Britt

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Gilliam

Dedication Scripture for Wade

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

- Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

Dedication Scripture for Wyatt

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

- James 1:17 (NIV)

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Heath and Lyndsay, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

We do.

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

We do.

Do you dedicate Wade and Wyatt to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your sons in the Christian faith; bringing them to church, leading them in prayer, and reading to them the scriptures, in order that they may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do.

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture Wade and Wyatt in the Christian faith so that they may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Thompson

285 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that

pour Thy power; crown Thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry,
 sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
 we de - plore; let the search for Thy sal - va - tion
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set all free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.
 that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 Lower key, No. 33

272 They'll Know We Are Christians

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

WORDS: Peter Scholtes, 1966

MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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ST. BRENDAN'S
 Irregular with refrain

love. Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "love. Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love." The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.