

OH GOD,  
YOU ARE MY GOD,  
AND I WILL EVER PRAISE YOU.  
I WILL SEEK YOU  
IN THE MORNING  
AND I WILL LEARN  
TO WALK IN YOUR WAYS;  
AND STEP BY STEP  
YOU'LL LEAD ME,  
AND I WILL FOLLOW YOU  
ALL OF MY DAYS.

- David Strasser

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 26, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

arr. Ford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Andy Woodard

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will sing praise to God with my very last breath.**  
May my meditation be pleasing to Him,  
**For I rejoice in the Lord.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Woodard

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*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

See page 4.

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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 Genesis 25:1-2, 5-10, 12-13, 17

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 26 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

*Problematic Pandemic Theology*

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.*

SOLO

*O Christ the Same*  
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

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O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,  
unchanging still, amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

THE PSALM

Psalm 104:33-34

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 683 of Old Testament

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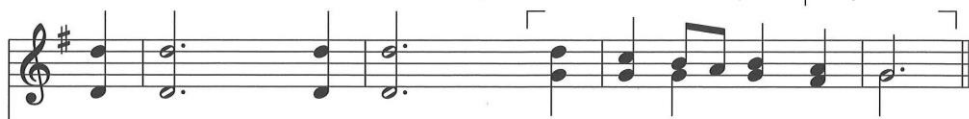
## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens fair,
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still sing - ing as ye go;
4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ry ones shall rest;
5. Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we a - dore,



be - neath the stan - dard of your God, the cross of Christ your King.  
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous praise de - clare.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 the pil - grims find their heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, one God for - ev - er - more.



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.



WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 (Ps. 20:4; Phil. 4:4)  
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

MARION  
 SM with refrain

# 633 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be - side?  
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; cheers each wind - ing path I tread,  
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; oh, the full - ness of His love!

Can I doubt His ten-der mer - cy, who through life has been my guide?  
 gives me grace for ev-ery tri - al, feeds me with the liv - ing bread;  
 Per - fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa - ther's house a - bove:

Heaven-ly peace, di - vin - est com-fort, here by faith in Him to dwell!  
 though my wea - ry steps may fal - ter, and my soul a - thirst may be,  
 when my spir - it, clothed im - mor - tal, wings its flight to realms of day,



For I know what - e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well;  
gush - ing from the Rock be - fore me, lo! a spring of joy I see;  
this my song through end - less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way;



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## Step by Step

*Unison*

O God, You are my God, and I will ev-er praise  
 You. O God, You are my God, and  
 I will ev-er praise You. I will seek You in the morn-  
 ing and I will learn to walk in Your ways; and  
 step by step You'll lead me, and I will fol-low You all of my days.

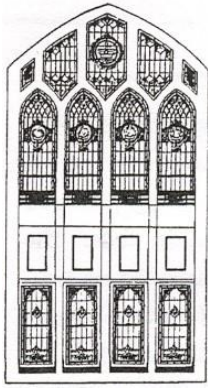
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STEP BY STEP

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# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 26, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✘ Transition Team Update

*Your church leadership understands that some want to return to in-person worship now. However, we ask that you be patient with us.*

*From the surveys we learned that 80% of the respondents desire to continue worshipping via the radio broadcast and Facebook live-stream. Since the surveys were completed, our worship service has moved to the fellowship hall due to sanctuary renovations. Based on the survey results, and our new worship location, we ask you to worship at home unless you are a worship leader. Furthermore, if you are a worship leader, masks are required except when you're speaking or singing.*

*If you come to the church building during the week, masks are also required. The church staff are required to wear masks in the building unless they are alone in their office. Contractors are required to wear masks when moving about in the building. They may take them off when working in the sanctuary if they so desire.*

*With the results of the survey and the state statistics, we will continue to monitor the situation and re-evaluate as we get closer to the completion of the sanctuary. There is a lot of activity within the building and our goal is to keep everyone safe.*

*But in humility, consider others as more important than yourselves. —Philippians 2:3*

*— Betty Joyner, Debbie Magette, Andy Woodard, with full deacon approval.*

## ✘ 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. FBC Ahoskie holds a copyright license (20520822 Size B) and a streaming license (20520815 Size B) with CCLI, account 1577531. We also hold a copyright license with One License, A-609881.*

## ✘ 2020-2021 Nominating Committee

*Our Nominating Committee is beginning the work of matching members' ministry gifts with places of service for the 2020-2021 Church Year which begins September 1. If you are sensing a call to serve in a particular ministry, please let a committee member know of your desire. Members are Malcolm Copeland, J.C. Doughtie, Joyce Leary, Arlene Raiford, Lou Riddick, and Mary Ann Umphlett.*

## ✘ Organist Update

*Due to health issues, our organist, Belinda Butler, has submitted her resignation. Today is her last Sunday with us. Belinda has served us well since she began her ministry with us on January 5 of this year. Let us pray for the health of her back so that she may be able to return to an organ bench and use her God-given gifts to the glory of God. Thank you, Belinda, for partnering in ministry with us.*



## ✘ Balcony Seats

*If you requested a balcony seat, it is ready for pick up. All seats are located in the fellowship hall, and are marked with the names of their new owners.*

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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*