

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 4, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-2

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

INTROIT

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place
Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson & Jim Wiggins

John Carter

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Gilliam

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
See page 4.

BEECHER

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:1-11

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 239 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Church

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.*

+HYMN 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

See page 5.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Andy Woodard

PIANO OFFERTORY

+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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100

Mrs. Penny Rose

In Pew Bible, page 679 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mrs. Rose

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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

God our Author and Creator

BEACH SPRING

See page 6.

God, our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
Make our daily witness greater by our lives make Your love known.
With awareness of our purpose, with commitment to Your call,
May we help prepare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.

Teach us, Lord to trust each other, though our ways are not the same.
As You call us to Your purpose, bless our working in Your name.
In the world of daily living each uniquely serves Your will.
Show how every person matters as our calling we fulfill.

Living church, let's go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.
Let us serve in grace and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.
Living church, let's go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Glenda Holloman Byrd & Ada White Fornes given by Sharon & Kenny Roope and Tracy & Bryant Lewis.

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

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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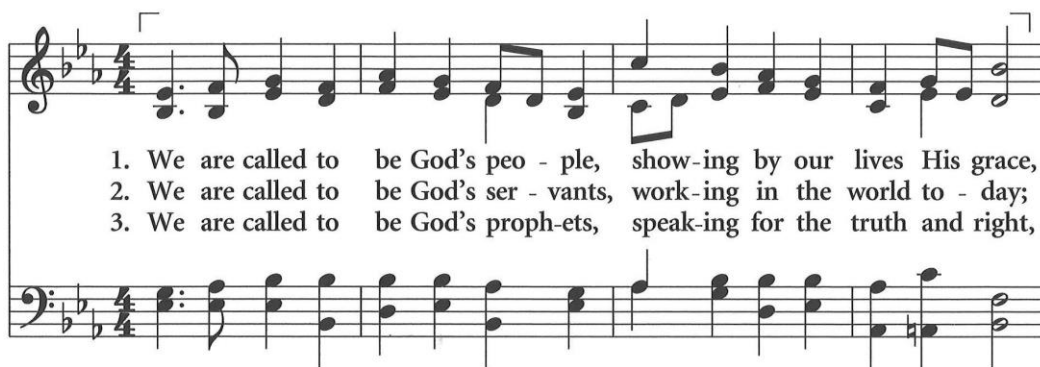
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy grace re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
 Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

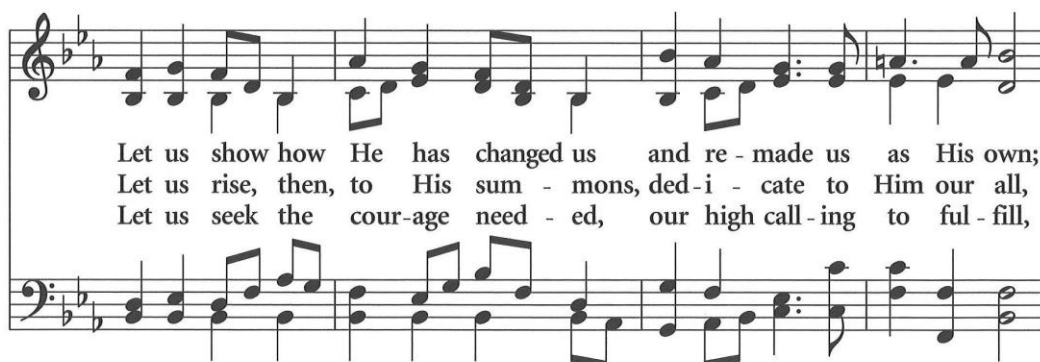
We Are Called to Be God's People 477



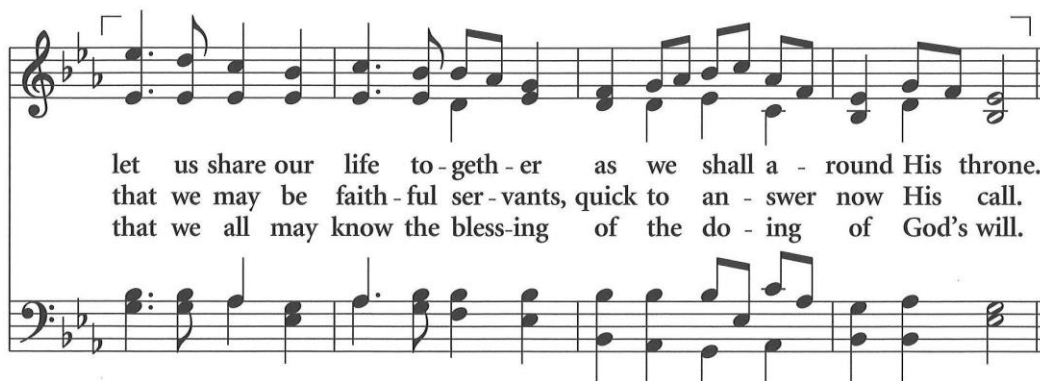
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives His grace,
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in the world to - day;
3. We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing His own task up - on us, all His sa - cred words o - bey.
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil in - to light.



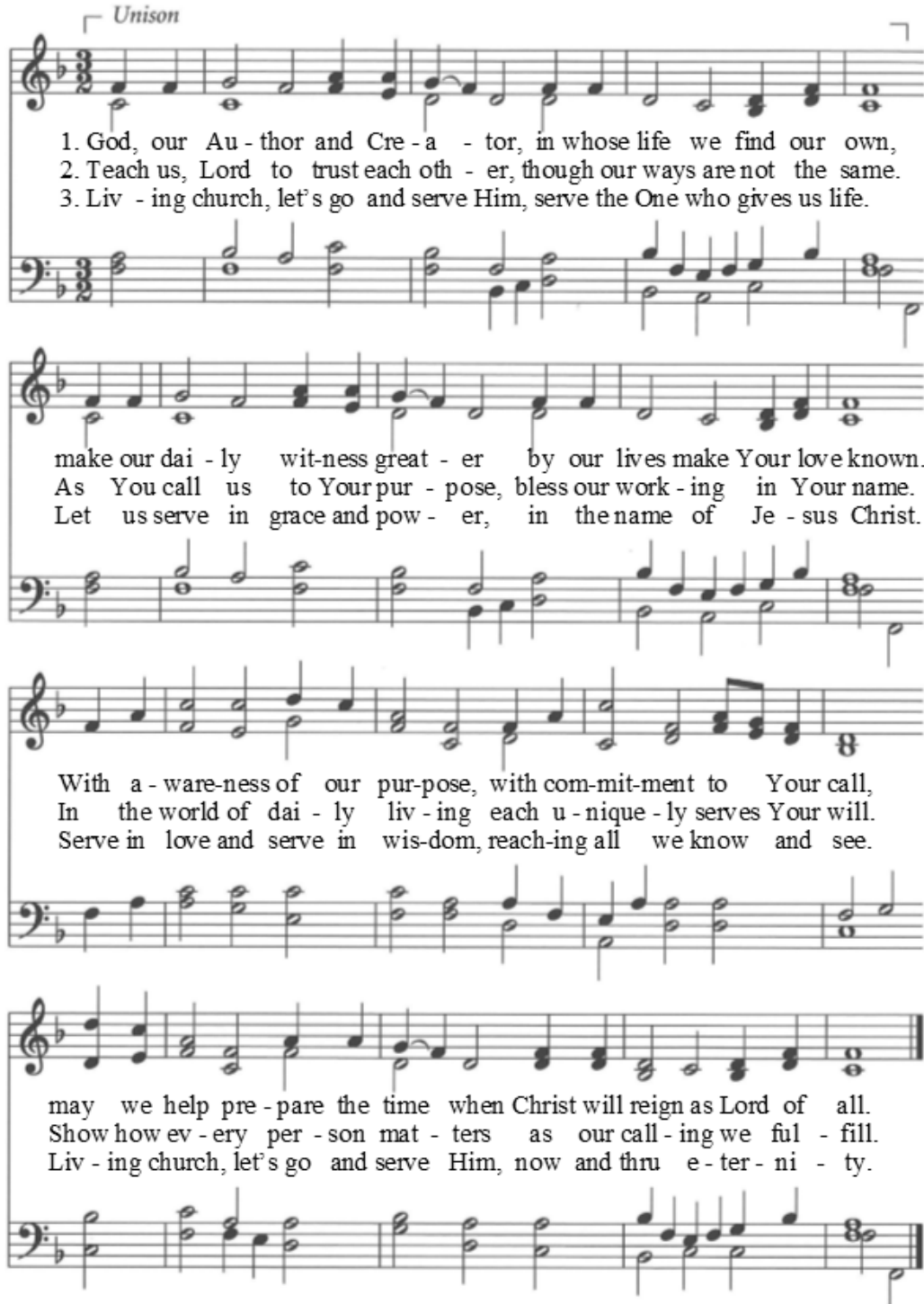
Let us show how He has changed us and re - made us as His own;
Let us rise, then, to His sum - mons, ded - i - cate to Him our all,
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round His throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now His call.
that we all may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

God, Our Author and Creator

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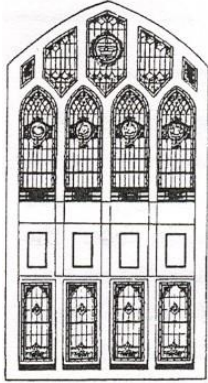


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3. Liv - ing church, let's go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.

make our dai - ly wit-ness great - er by our lives make Your love known.
As You call us to Your pur - pose, bless our work - ing in Your name.
Let us serve in grace and pow - er, in the name of Je - sus Christ.

With a - ware-ness of our pur-pose, with com-mit-ment to Your call,
In the world of dai - ly liv - ing each u - nique - ly serves Your will.
Serve in love and serve in wis - dom, reach - ing all we know and see.

may we help pre - pare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.
Show how ev - ery per - son mat - ters as our call - ing we ful - fill.
Liv - ing church, let's go and serve Him, now and thru e - ter - ni - ty.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

October 4, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

For seventeen weeks our coronavirus worship team led worship in our fellowship while our sanctuary was renovated. Today, we rejoice to return to our beautiful sanctuary. Today is also the day we return to in-person worship under coronavirus guidelines developed by our transition team.

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✦ Deacon Nominations

It is almost the time of year to nominate deacons to serve a three-year term beginning January 2021. The church office is in the process of compiling a list of all eligible church members. If you are eligible, but prefer not to serve if nominated, please call the church office or email Heather Joyner at heather@fbcahoskie.org by Monday, October 5.

✦ Some Wednesday In-Person Activities Resume October 14

5:00 – 5:45 pm Children’s Music & Missions – Age 3 – Kindergarten & Grades 1-5

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Guidelines and other information are forthcoming.

✦ Worship Flowers Schedule

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 October.

Oct. 11 Family of Mary Frances Johnson

Oct. 25 Jim & Dana Wiggins

Oct. 18 Henry & Pat Byrd

Nov. 1 Frank & Penny Rose