



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 15, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

GUITAR PRELUDE

*Canon in D*  
Rick Burns, Guitarist

Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,**  
who destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ,  
**who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of His grace,**  
**and has made known to us the mystery of His will.**  
This is our God! Let us worship Him together.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Gilliam

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Worthy of Worship*

JUDSON

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
Worthy of honor and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we sing,  
Worthy of all the offerings we bring.

Refrain: You are worthy, Father, Creator.  
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear,  
Worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,  
Worthy of all this and added to these. (*Refrain*)

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,  
Savior and Source of our life without end. (*Refrain*)

Lyrics by Terry W. York; Music by Mark Blankenship

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Philippians 3:7-11

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

*Desire*

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.*

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LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Gilliam

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

**You are the God who creates us,  
the Christ who redeems us,  
the Spirit who fills us with hope.  
May we and our gifts be instruments of Your purposes here on earth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+DOXOLOGY

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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 62:5-8

Mrs. Gilliam

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mrs. Gilliam

O God, we lift our hearts to You.  
**Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.**

We have sinned against You and one another.  
*(Offer to God your silent prayer of confession.)*  
**Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.**

We carry with us burdens for the world.  
*(Offer to God your silent prayer for our world.)*  
**Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.**

We have friends and loved ones who suffer.  
*(Offer to God your silent prayer for others.)*  
**Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.**

We remember again Your call to passionately follow the Christ.  
*(Offer to God your silent prayer of commitment.)*  
**Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.**

This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**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

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower,  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heav'n's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

+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.*

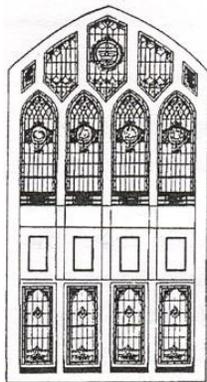
+POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Rick Burns, Guitarist

Ludwig van Beethoven

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Charles and Patricia Hughes in honor of our church staff.*



## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 15, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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### ✘ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Collection Week is November 16-22; FBCA is once again serving as a drop-off location. Boxes will be received on the following days and times.

—Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC

Monday	Nov. 16	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Nov. 17	9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Wednesday	Nov. 18	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Thursday	Nov. 19	9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Friday	Nov. 20	9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Saturday	Nov. 21	10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Sunday	Nov. 22	4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### ✘ Worship Notes

We give thanks for Rick Burns and Lou Ann Gilliam who graciously stepped up to lead today's worship music while our regular musicians are quarantining.

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### ✘ Online Giving Now Available

... on our church website ([www.fbcahoskie.org](http://www.fbcahoskie.org)) and on our church Facebook page.

## ✘ 2021 Church Budget

All resident church members should have received in the mail a copy of the proposed 2021 church budget. As per our bylaws, a discussion without vote is required, then a vote without discussion is held on a following date.

### Discussion – Wednesday, November 18 – A Change in Plans

Due to the cancellation of all Wednesday, November 18 activities, instead of our usual discussion, you're invited to contact Andy Woodard (252-396-1599), Chair of Deacons, with any questions you have about the proposed budget.

### Vote – Sunday, November 29

The vote will take place just prior to the start of worship.

## ✘ Wednesday Activities This Week – November 18

All activities are canceled.

## ✘ Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Our church is responsible for staffing the Ahoskie food pantry every Friday. Since some of our volunteers can no longer serve due to aging issues or illness, we are in need of more volunteers.

Volunteers may serve monthly or bi-monthly. Besides distributing food boxes to clients at the food pantry, responsibilities include arrival at 9:15 am, recording temperatures in refrigerators and freezers, shelving food items, and preparing boxes for clients.

The food pantry serves clients Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Vicky Overman, FBC food pantry coordinator, at 396-5729.

Also, the *Backpack Ministry* of the food pantry is in need of volunteers to gather as needed to pack lunch backpacks for students in the Hertford County school system. Currently, under pandemic conditions, 75 backpacks are picked up each week by school personnel. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Margaret Winn at (252) 209-1495.

## ✘ Food Drive for Britton Ministries

Each fall Baptist Children's Homes of NC hosts a food drive for each of their campuses. We have the opportunity to support our local children's home, *Britton Ministries*, by purchasing gift cards for local grocery stores. From mid-October to mid-November you're invited to bring or mail a gift card to the church. In mid-November we'll deliver all gift cards as a fitting way to offer God thanksgiving for this critical ministry in our community. *Britton Ministries* helps single mothers in north eastern North Carolina by providing a structured transitional environment that promotes relational development between mother and child as well as needed resources to help the family regain control of their lives.

## ✘ Make Your Reservation for In-Person Worship

If you would like to participate in Sunday worship, please make your reservation by calling the church office (252) 332-4003 or emailing Anita Thompson at [anita@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:anita@fbcahoskie.org) by 5:00 pm each Friday. A firm number is needed to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place.

Nursery Needed for Your Family? When you reserve your place for worship, also reserve a nursery spot: 1-2 year old class and 3-5 year old class. We will not use the 2020-2021 Extended Session schedule yet; therefore, we need 2 to 4 volunteers each Sunday. We also need two volunteers to take temperatures and two volunteers to greet. Please let the church office know if you can help.

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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*

Miss Bridget Deveney  
*Music Associate/Organist*