

First Sunday OF ADVENT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 29, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Advent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Hope

Mr. Perry Newbern

Light a Candle for All to See

Lloyd Larson

Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson, & Jim Wiggins

I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. - Psalm 130:7

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—He remains faithful forever. - Psalm 146:5-6

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Newbern



CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Anita Thompson & Dr. Gilliam

Child Dedication

Hudson Franklin Rose
Born on September 18, 2019
Son of Lee Taylor & Taylor F. Rose

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Gilliam

Dedication Scripture

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” – John 10:10

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Taylor & Taylor, 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 Hudson to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your son in the Christian faith; bringing him to church, leading him in prayer, and reading to him the scriptures, in order that he 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 Hudson in the Christian faith so that he may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Thompson

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.



+CHORAL RESPONSE

MUELLER

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there. Amen.

+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.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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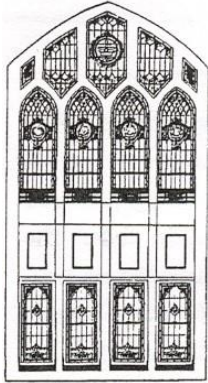
1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear de - sire of
 Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 29, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Worship Notes

Today we begin the Christian Year anew with the Season of Advent. Each Sunday, as we journey toward the celebration of the birth of Christ, we will progressively light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

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✘ 2021 Church Budget Vote – November 29

Just prior to the start of worship today, we will vote on the proposed 2021 budget.

✘ Online Giving Now Available

... on our church website (www.fbcahoskie.org) and on our church Facebook page.

✘ Christian Women's Job Corps Angel Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 29, the Angel Tree will be located in the 1st floor hallway. If you would like to help a Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) family celebrate Christmas, here's how:

- ◆ Select an angel from the tree in the 1st floor hallway. Needs are listed on back.
- ◆ Sign the sheet next to the tree; include your name and angel number.
- ◆ Keep your angel with your unwrapped gifts when you bring them to church. This helps identify each family's gifts.
- ◆ Have gifts at church by Dec. 17. They will be given to the families at graduation on Dec. 18.

All of the families are in Christian Women's Job Corps, attending our classes and/or living at the North Street House. They are all working towards independence and/or a relationship with God. Your love will be a blessing to them on their journey. God bless you all. For more information, please contact Pat Byrd at 209-4301.

✘ Wednesday In-Person Activities This Week – December 2

5:00pm-5:45pm Children's Music & Missions

Age 3 to Kindergarten and Grades 1—5

Reservations required by noon each Monday.

5:00pm-5:45pm Women's Bible Study, Room 106

6:00pm-7:00pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

✘ 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 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.

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

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