

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 24, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Ascension of the Lord*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Andy Woodard

Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the Alpha and Omega,  
the One who is, who was, and is to come. (*Revelation 1:8*)  
**We worship the One who rules justly.** (*2 Samuel 23:34*)

Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
the ruler of the kings of the earth! (*Revelation 1:5*)  
**We worship Jesus Christ, the Bread of heaven, God with us!** (*John 6:51, Matthew 1:23*)

Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the Good Shepherd,  
and True Vine. (*John 10:11; 15:1*)

**We worship Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, the great I Am.** (*John 1; 8:58*)

Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
our Wonderful Counselor,  
the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

**We worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!** (*Revelation 19:16*)

**To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.** (*Revelation 1:6*)

INTROIT

*Above All*  
Vicky Overman, Soloist

Paul Baloché

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Woodard

+HYMN OF PRAISE 606     *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
A copy of the hymn is on page 5& 6.

NAME ON HIGH

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING     Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Anita 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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GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 113 of New Testament

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

SERMON

*The Good Stuff*

Mrs. Gilliam

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

+HYMN 364

*I Love Thee*

I LOVE THEE

A copy of the hymn is on page 7.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Jim Wiggins

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23  
In Pew Bible, page 234 of New Testament

Mr. Wiggins

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness,  
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.  
Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:  
**Through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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 159

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH'S

A copy of the hymn is on page 8.

+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.*

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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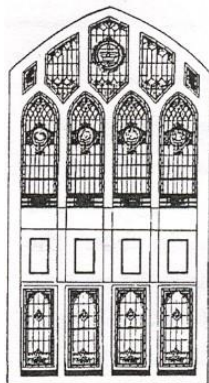
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

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 24, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ 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.*

## ✠ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

*Tune in to our church Facebook page for live-streaming each Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm.*

## ✠ Stewardship Options

*Due to our current inability to meet in person, there have been questions about making electronic financial contributions to the church. While we do not have online giving, do you know that your bank can send a check to the church on your behalf? You simply make arrangements with your bank and the bank will send the check for the amount you request each month or each week or whatever frequency you decide. We have a very small handful of people that do this now. Perhaps you would like to give this a try as well. However, you give, please know our church is stronger due to your generosity.*

## ✠ Worship in the Sanctuary Resumes June 7

*For more details, see the May 20<sup>th</sup> edition of The Window, which is on our website and Facebook page, and was mailed out last week.*

## ✠ 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](http://cbf.net/general-assembly-2020).*

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*The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.*

# 606 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

*Unison*

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life.

I'm so glad You came to save us.

WORDS: Rick Founds, 1989

MUSIC: Rick Founds, 1989

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

Irregular

You came from heav - en to earth to show the way;

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

*to repeat*

high.

*Last time*

## I Love Thee

1. I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;  
 2. I'm hap - py, I'm hap - py, oh, won - drous ac - count!  
 3. O Je - sus, my Sav - ior, with Thee I am blest,  
 4. Oh, who's like my Sav - ior? He's Sa - lem's bright King;

I love Thee, my Sav - ior, I love Thee, my God:  
 My joys are im - mor - tal, I stand on the mount:  
 my life and sal - va - tion, my joy and my rest:  
 He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:

I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know;  
 I gaze on my trea - sure and long to be there,  
 Thy name be my theme, and Thy love be my song;  
 I'll praise Him, I'll praise Him with notes loud and clear,

but how much I love Thee my ac - tions will show.  
 with Je - sus and an - gels and kin - dred so dear.  
 Thy grace shall in - spire both my heart and my tongue.  
 while riv - ers of plea - sure my spir - it shall cheer.

WORDS: Anonymous, Jeremiah Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805  
 MUSIC: Anonymous, Jeremiah Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*, 1805

I LOVE THEE  
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# Fairest Lord Jesus

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1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of all na - tions,

O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cher - ish,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

WORDS: Anonymous German hymn, *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677;  
 tr. (st. 1-3) unknown; tr. (st. 4) Joseph August Seiss, 1873

MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

CRUSADERS' HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)  
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