

God took Abraham outside and said,  
“Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars,  
if you are able to count them.  
So shall your descendants be.” – Genesis 15:5



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 21, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Father's Day*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

arr. Gadd

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Vicky Overman

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

**In faith, we seek to follow God's direction for our lives.**

In faith, we, the church, seek to discern the future to which God calls us.

**In faith, we come together to worship Almighty God,**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**and in the name of Jesus the Christ.**

God of the past, present, and future, hear the prayer of Your church.

**Lead on!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 63

*Lead On, O King, Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

See pg. 5.

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 14 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

*Can You?*

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 37

*God, Our Father, You Have Led Us*

CWM RHONDDA

See pg. 6.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Jim Wiggins

ORGAN OFFERTORY

*God Himself is Present*

arr. Burkhardt

+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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THE PSALM

Psalm 33:1, 6-9, 20-22

Mr. Andy Woodard


In Pew Bible, page 624 of Old Testament


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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

Sung Response –

Minister:   
Lord of all, to thee we raise

People:   
this our grate - ful hymn of praise.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

## ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. John Rutter  
Bland Baker, Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson & Jim Wiggins

## 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 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
See pgs. 7-8.

FAITHFULNESS

+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 *We Are Called to Be God's People*

arr. Jarrell

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Doug & Nancy Cobbs for the glory of God and in honor of all our fathers.*

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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*

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## Lead On, O King Eternal

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1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home;  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, or roll of stir - ring drums;  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King E - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

WORDS: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

LANCASHIRE

7.6.7.6 D

Tower Key No. 214

# God, Our Father, You Have Led Us 37

1. God, our Fa - ther, You have led us to this mo - ment in this place.  
 2. God, our Fa - ther, Your Son taught us our lives lost for Him are gain.  
 3. God, our Fa - ther, ev - er lead us from this mo - ment in this place.

Fo - cused here, with - in and 'round us, dreams and hopes u -  
 Help us, then, re - joice in chal - lenge 'til our lives Your  
 Help us see Di - vine po - ten - tial in each chal - lenge,

nite with grace. God, our Fa - ther, You have led us.  
 goals at - tain. God, our Fa - ther, Your Son taught us.  
 in each face. God, our Fa - ther, You have led us.

Through Your Spir - it lead us still. Through Your Spir - it lead us still.  
 Through Your Spir - it teach us still. Through Your Spir - it teach us still.  
 Through Your Spir - it lead us still. Through Your Spir - it lead us still.

WORDS: Terry W. York, 1984

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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CWM RHONDDA

8.7.8.7.8.7

Lower key, No. 33

## The Good Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

(Ps. 23)

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, there is no  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS

11.10.11.10 with refrain

## SUSTAINER

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

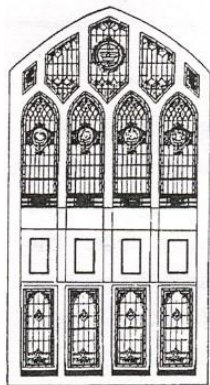
pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!





# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

June 21, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Transition Team Update

*The Transition Team has put together a survey to gauge feelings about resuming in-person worship. The survey is posted on our Facebook page, and has been both emailed and mailed. All resident members and regular attenders are encouraged to complete the survey as soon as possible, responding only once. The Transition Team members are Betty Joyner, Debbie*

*Magette, and Andy Woodard.*

## ✦ Sanctuary Renovation Information

*As we prepare to begin the sanctuary renovation, one of our tasks is to make sure our beloved pipe organ is well protected. Spearman & Hawkins, the Charlotte based company with whom we have a long-standing partnership, will come this week to remove the exposed pipes, seal the pipe chambers, and cover the organ console. Therefore, today will be the last time we'll hear our organ until the renovation is completed. But we hope not to be without an organ during this time. Plans are in the works to rent an electronic organ to use in our fellowship hall throughout the renovation process.*

## ✦ Benevolence Ministry Update

*On June 9, we were presented a \$1,000 check for our Benevolence Ministry by LaCount and Anna Anderson, CBF Field Personnel in Northeast NC. This gift comes from CBF's COVID-19 Emergency Offering to help people with needs related to food, loss of income, or other kinds of assistance. The Andersons applied for these monies on our behalf.*

## ✦ 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. 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.*

## ✦ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

*Tune in to our church Facebook page for live-streaming each Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm. Trey Gilliam leads discussions on a variety of topics, assisted by Anita Thompson and Andy Woodard.*

## ✦ Feeding Our Neighbors

*Due to complications outside the Ahoskie Food Pantry's control, the Tuesday food box ministry is on hold until further notice. As soon as all has been resolved, we will let you know when this ministry will resume. Your assistance thus far is greatly appreciated. For more information, please speak with Bill or Carolyn Arrington or with Rev. Thompson.*

### ✂ Attention Youth

*The Season of Passport has begun. Be sure to check emails, the FBC Youth Group Facebook page, and fbcahoskieyouth Instagram for updates on all virtual activities. If you're not receiving emails, send Lou Ann Gilliam your email address to gillil@chowan.edu.*

### ✂ Worship Flowers

*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 the remainder of June and for July:*

June 28	Spencer & Dolores Matthews
July 5	Bill & Debbie Magette
July 12	Ernie & Austine Evans
July 19	Trey & Harriet Byrum
July 26	Don & LuAnn Joyner

### ✂ 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).*

### ✂ Goodbye & Best Wishes

*We would like to offer our best wishes to James & Eva Early for their life in their new home and community as they plan to move to Winterville at the end of June. They have used their God-given gifts well at FBC Ahoskie, and oh how we give thanks to God for them. May God richly bless all that comes next for James & Eva.*