



“I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.”

– Genesis 45:4b-5



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 20, 2020 ✧ 11:00 am

✧ *The Season of the Church Year: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

Mr. Andy Woodard

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

INTROIT

I Will Joyfully Sing
Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson, & Jim Wiggins

Mary McDonald

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Woodard

+HYMN OF PRAISE 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!
See page 5.

JOYFUL SONG

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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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 52 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Perspective

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.*

+PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION

Rev. Thompson

Lord, be Thy word our rule,

in it may we rejoice;

Thy glory be our aim,

Thy holy our choice;

Thy promises our hope,

Thy providence our guard,

Thine arm our strong support,

Thyself our great reward. Amen.

- Christopher Wordsworth, 1807 – 1885

+HYMN 251

I Will Be Your God
See page 6.

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Dempsey Pierce

OFFERTORY

+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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:12-14

Mr. Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 246 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.

Forgiveness is ours through Jesus the Christ. 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 57

Be Still My Soul
See p. 7.

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+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Williford family in loving memory of Dot, Clarence, and Al Williford.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

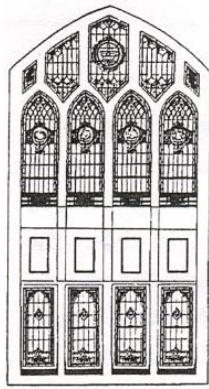
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist

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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 20, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ 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. 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-

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✠ In-Person Worship Plans

At their September 15, 2020 meeting, our deacons voted to resume in-person worship on Sunday, October 4, 2020. In due time, the specific guidelines will be mailed out and communicated through other avenues. For now, however, please note that face coverings will be required, and social distancing practiced. Furthermore, if future conditions should warrant it, we will discontinue in-person worship again until conditions improve.

We ask those who plan to gather on Sunday, October 4, in our sanctuary, for worship to call the church office and make reservations. We need to have a firm grasp on the number of families, and individuals, who plan to participate.

We will continue to live stream worship and, of course, broadcast over the radio. If you are not comfortable, or are at high risk for the virus, we encourage you to join in via Facebook live and/or the radio broadcast.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to talk with Trey, Anita, or a member of church leadership.

✠ Personnel Committee Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 5:30 pm

✠ North Street House Need

We are looking for a church member who will volunteer to install a new ceiling fan at the North Street House. You schedule the day that works best for you. For more information, please contact Pat Byrd, 252-332-4122.

✠ 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 September and October.

Sept. 27 Rick & Jamie Burns

Oct. 4 Sharon Roope

Oct. 11 Family of Mary Frances Johnson

Oct. 18 Henry & Pat Byrd

Oct. 25 Jim & Dana Wiggins

Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Sing, O earth, His
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! For our sins, He
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Heaven-ly por - tals

won - der - ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in
 suf - fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e - ter-nal sal-
 loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for-ev-er and

glo - ry, strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
 va - tion, hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the cru - ci - fied.
 ev - er; crown Him! crown Him! proph-et and priest and King!

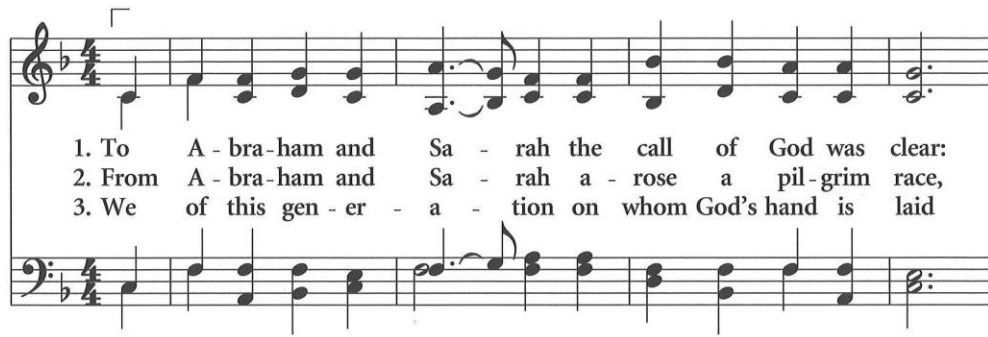
Like a shep - herd, Je-sus will guard His chil - dren; in His
 Sound His prais - es! Je-sus who bore our sor - rows, love un -
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious, power and

arms He car-ries them all day long: Praise Him! praise Him!
 bound - ed, won-der - ful, deep, and strong:
 glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

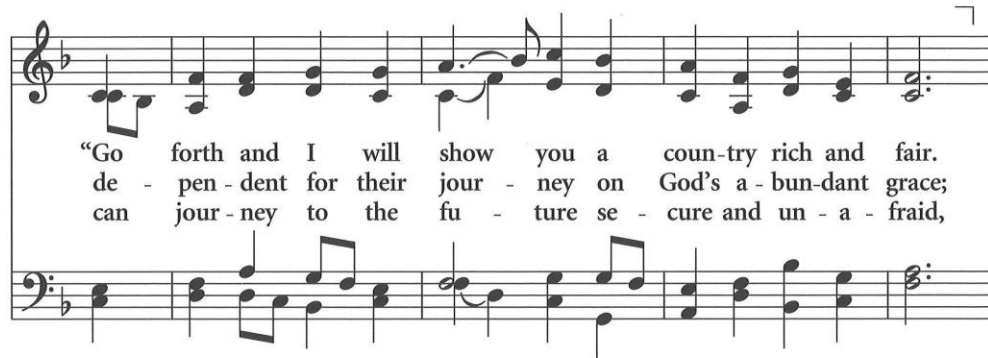
tell of His ex-cel-lent great-ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev-er in joy-ful song!

I Will Be Your God


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1. To A - bra-ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2. From A - bra-ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil-grim race,
 3. We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun-try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun-dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust-ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

Be Still, My Soul

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as in a - ges past. Your hope, your
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.