



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 1, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: All Saints Sunday*

*Each year on the first Sunday of November we observe All Saints Sunday, a day on which we remember and honor the lives of our saints who have gone on to be with the Lord since last All Saints observance. In our remembering, we, the living, are reminded of our own baptism into the communion of saints. May we live a life worthy of the calling.*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Kari Pierce, Henry & Bennett, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

Today we stand beside saints in the making.  
Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.  
Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.  
While we live, we live to the Lord.  
**When we die, we die to the Lord.**  
So then, whether, we live or whether we die,  
**We are the Lord's!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Gilliam

+HYMN OF PRAISE 343

*His Name is Wonderful*

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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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

Mr. Andy Woodard

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymn 551

*There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day*  
Stanza 1

SWEET BY AND BY

IN MEMORIAM

*November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020*

Dr. Gilliam

John Burns  
Ann Daniels  
Emily Marra

R.D. Matthews  
Bob Newsome  
Mary Lou Newsome

Ruth Overman  
Charlie Pierce  
Grady Sumner

With grateful hearts, we give thanks for these saints.  
**May our memory of them inspire us to serve You well, O Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 551

*There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day*  
Stanza 2

SWEET BY AND BY

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians: 2:1-13

Dr. Gilliam

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## SERMON

*An Election Eve Sermon*

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.*

## ANTHEM

*A Reflection of Christ*

arr. David Schwoebel

*May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.  
May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self-abasing, this is victory.  
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.*

– Kate B. Wilkinson

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Woodard

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

**You are the God who creates us,**

**the Christ who redeems us,**

**the Holy 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

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 LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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 185

*The Old Rugged Cross*

OLD RUGGED CROSS

+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Frank & Penny Rose to the glory of God, and in memory of Charles Edward and Elizabeth "Bet" Atkins, and Walter "Red" and Doretha Rose.*

*The single red rose is present to celebrate the October 26<sup>th</sup> birth of Grady Holloman Britton, son of Bryan and Jessica Britton. The proud siblings are Ben and Mollie. Our pastor emeritus, Jesse Croom, and his wife, Mary Anne, are the great grandparents.*

#### 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

# His Name Is Wonderful

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His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful, His name is  
He is the might-y King, Mas-ter of ev-ery-thing, His name is

1  
Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord;  
Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

2  
He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a-ges, Al-might-y

God is He; bow down be-fore Him, love and a-

dore Him, His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a repeating first and second ending for the phrase 'Je-sus, my Lord'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

## 551 There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, and by faith we can see it a -  
 2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore the me - lo - di - ous songs of the

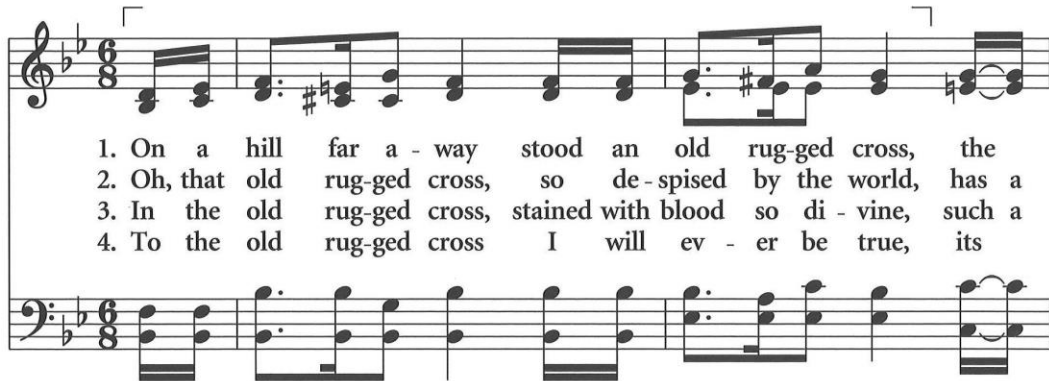
far; for the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way to pre -  
 blest, and our spir - its shall sor - row no more, not a

pare us a dwell - ing place there. In the sweet by and  
 sigh for the bless - ing of rest. In the sweet by and

by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; in the  
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sweet in the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.

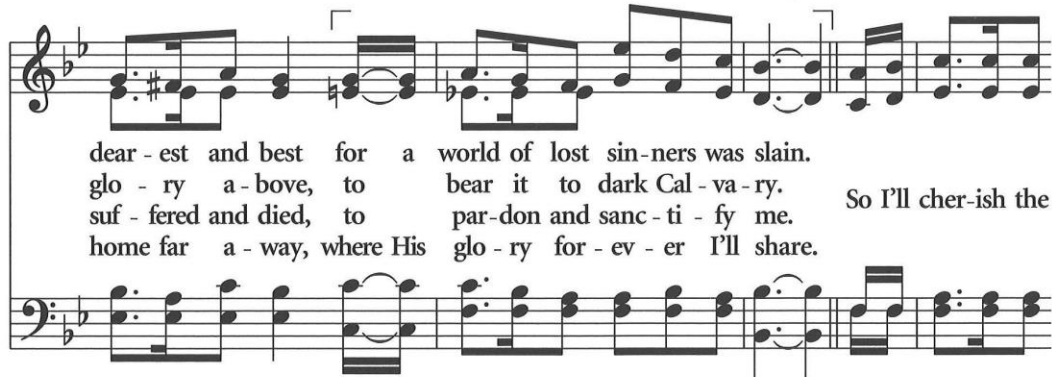
## The Old Rugged Cross



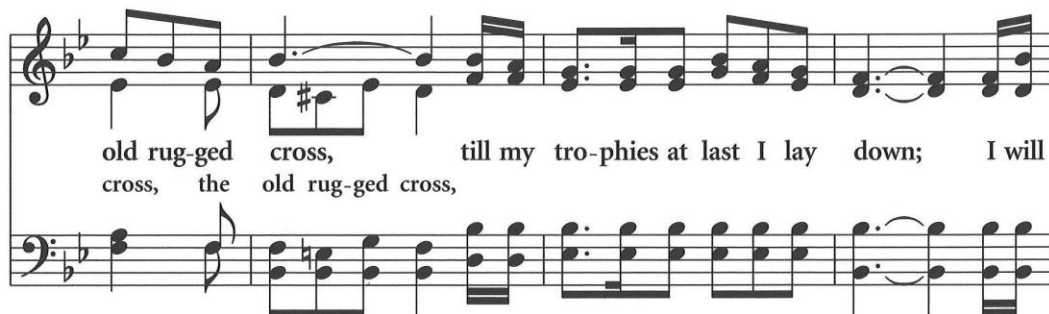
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the  
 2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a  
 3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, such a  
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its



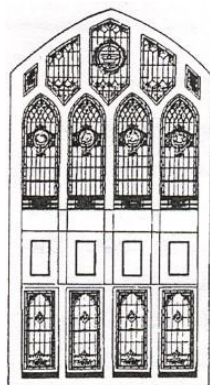
em - blem of suf - fering and shame; and I love that old cross where the  
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His  
 won - der - ful beau - ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus  
 shame and re-proach glad - ly bear; then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 glo - ry a - bove, to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the  
 suf - fered and died, to par-don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will  
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,



## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 1, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

### ✦ Worship Notes

*In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all worshipers, please abide by the following guidelines.*

- ◆ Masks should be worn at all times, everywhere in the building.
- ◆ Though there will be no congregational singing, you're invited to stand and sing in your

*heart to the Lord.*

- ◆ Should you need to exit during the service, please exit by the doors on either side of the chancel.
- ◆ You're encouraged to sit and reflect during the postlude.
- ◆ Offering – please place your offering in the plates located at the doors on either side of the chancel.
- ◆ You may exit by the doors on either side of the chancel, or the vestibule door at the West & Main corner. Please practice social distancing as you depart.

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### ✦ Wednesday In-Person Activities This Week – November 4

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

### ✦ Online Giving Now Available

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



## ✂ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Collection Week is November 16-22; FBCA is once again serving as a drop-off location.

Boxes are located at the West St. entrance, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway. If you would like someone to pack a shoebox for you, donate \$25 (includes \$9 shipping fee) for each box you wish to sponsor. Items will be purchased, and boxes filled on your behalf. All monies may be given to the church office, (checks made payable to FBC Ahoskie, Inc., with OCC written in the memo line). Our 2020 goal is 150 boxes, and together we can surpass our goal. Let's help share the Good News of Christ through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. — Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC

## ✂ 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 Heather Joyner at [heather@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:heather@fbcahoskie.org) by noon 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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