



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 6, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Peace

Miss Sophia Byrd

Light a Candle for All to See
Jordan Martin, Claire Presley, and Anita Thompson

Lloyd Larson

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6

He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And He will be our peace. – Micah 5:4-5

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Byrd

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Peter 3:8-15

Dr. Gilliam

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wait on It!

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

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Jordan Martin and Claire Presley

arr. Rachel Mohlman

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

All ye, beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.
Look, now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Andy 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 Spirit who fills us with hope.**

**May we and our gifts be instruments of Your purposes here on earth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ADVENT DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

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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 99 *View the Present Through the Promise*

AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing
in the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.

Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving
be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.
Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHORAL RESPONSE

MUELLER

Jordan Martin, Claire Presley, and Anita Thompson

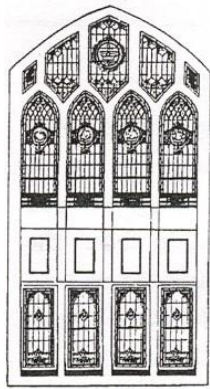
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there. Amen.

+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.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

December 29, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today we observe the second Sunday of Advent and light the candle of Peace. Each Sunday, as we journey toward the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas, we progressively light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

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✠ 2020—2021 Global Missions Offering

Our goal for this Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offering is \$5000. 100% of our gifts support CBF missionaries in the US and throughout the world. Though it will be received through March 2021, we are encouraged to contribute during the Advent and Christmas seasons in thanks for the gift of Christ to the world.

✠ Online Giving Now Available

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

✠ Christian Women's Job Corps Angel Tree

All of the angels have been taken. Thank you, church! For those of you who took an angel, here's important information for you.

- ◆ *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 9

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

✘ A Christmas Card Ministry

During the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, we are making a concerted effort to reach out to one another by strategically sending Christmas cards to each other. Here's how it will work.

We have a list of our older folks, those who are home bound, or are in a local nursing home. Another list contains our younger folks. We're hoping many of you will agree to send a Christmas card to ten of our folks. If children are in your household, have them make a homemade card. Include a picture of yourself or of your family. Write a personal note to each person.

If you'd like to participate in this ministry, call or text Anita at (252) 395-0061, or email her at anita@fbcahoskie.org, and she'll give you the names and addresses of as many persons to whom you'd like to send Christmas cards. The goal is to have all Christmas cards in homes by December 24. So, let's shower our brothers and sisters in Christ with Christmas love.

✘ 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
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

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

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus
Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist