



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 27, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Christmastide*  
*The First Sunday after Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Peggy Springfield

O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy,  
**And our hands like drums to beat a holy rhythm.**

O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,  
**And our feet were lively enough to dance our praise.**

O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder,  
**And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.**

Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer.  
**And help us this day to worship, like the choir of angels, in exultation and joy.**

INTROIT

*Ring the Bells*  
Vicky Overman, Soloist

Harry Bollback

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ms. Springfield

+HYMN OF PRAISE 126

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system begins with a measure rest of 4 measures. The third system begins with a measure rest of 7 measures. The fourth system begins with a measure rest of 10 measures. The score concludes with a double bar line.

An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Brigh - ter vi - sions  
Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - si - ding;  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear; Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scen - ding,

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,  
Yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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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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## EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Dr. Gilliam

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Scott Outlaw

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.**

## +CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary. Amen.

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## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Mr. Outlaw

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*A Light for Revelation*

Rev. Thompson

*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.*

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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.*

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King: peace on earth, and  
Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the e - ver - las - ting Lord, late in time be  
Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right eous-ness! Light and life to

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mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re-con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,—  
hold him come, off-spring of the Vir gin's womb: veiled in flesh the Go-dhead see;—  
all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,—

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join the tri-umph of the skies; with th'an ge - lic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in  
hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Im  
born that we no more may die,— born to raise us from the earth, born to give us

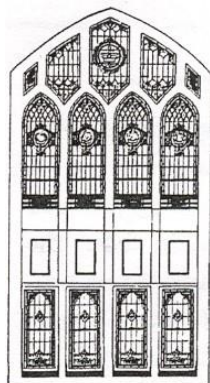
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Beth-le - hem!" Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry— to the new-born King."  
ma-nu - el,  
se cond birth.

## +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 27, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

*The season of Christmastide began on December 25 and continues until January 6 when we celebrate the day of Epiphany.*

*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.
- ◆Please depart row by row, beginning with rows nearest 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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## ✠ 2020—2021 Global Missions Offering

*Our goal for this annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offering is \$5000. 100% of our gifts go to CBF missionaries in the US and around 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.*

## ✠ Worship Next Sunday – January 3, 2021

On January 3 we will begin the first Sunday of the new year by celebrating the Lord's Supper.

## ✠ Church Offices Closed

... on January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

## ✘ Wednesday In-Person Activities

... are on break for the holidays.

## ✘ Online Giving Now Available

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

## ✘ 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](mailto: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.

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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*

Miss Bridget Deveney  
*Music Associate/Organist*

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