



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 3, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday after Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thompson

INTROIT

*My Tribute*  
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

André Crouch

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Jennifer Byrd

**May the thankful words on our lips,  
and the thankful meditations of our hearts,  
be acceptable to You, O God,  
our Rock and our Redeemer.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7

*Worthy of Worship*

JUDSON

## 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      Revelation 4

Dr. Gilliam

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*A New Year Refresher*

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.*

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Byrd

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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## 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.

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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

*On This Day of Celebration*

NETTLETON

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we've gathered as Your people, called to put our trust in You.  
You have made the world we live in; You have worked through history.  
In Your plan we find our purpose, in Your love, our unity.

Long ago, You sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.  
In Your Word made flesh You came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new Year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,  
You have called Your church to worship, preach Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears You, each must find a fresh new way  
To make known the life You offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know You clothe each flower and You make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will You protect us with Your guiding, caring hand!  
By Your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future You have planned.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

+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.

# Worthy of Worship

1. Wor - thy of wor - ship, wor - thy of praise, wor - thy of  
 2. Wor - thy of rev - erence, wor - thy of fear, wor - thy of  
 3. Al - might - y Fa - ther, Mas - ter and Lord, King of all

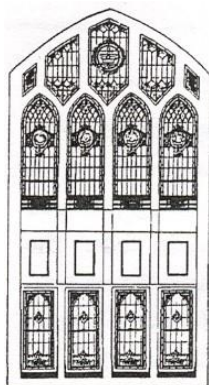
hon - or and glo - ry; wor - thy of all the glad songs we can  
 love and de - vo - tion; wor - thy of bow - ing and bend - ing of  
 kings and Re - deem - er, Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er,

sing, wor - thy of all of the of - ferings we bring.  
 knees, wor - thy of all this and add - ed to these...  
 Friend, Sav - ior and Source of our life with - out end.

You are wor - thy, Fa - ther, Cre - at - or. You are wor - thy,

Sav - ior, Sus - tain - er. You are wor - thy, wor - thy and

won - der - ful; wor - thy of wor - ship and praise.



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 3, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

*The season of Christmastide began on December 25 and ends on January 5, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. The Epiphany of the Lord occurs on the following day each year. We will observe Epiphany on January 10.*

*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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## ✠ Benevolence Offering Received Today

*On the first Sunday of every month we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.*

## ✠ Online Giving Now Available

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

## ✠ 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. We will receive this offering through March 2021.*

## ✠ Staff Anniversary

*January 6, 2021 marks Bland Baker's 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Music Associate/Pastor. Thank you, Bland, for your faithful ministry with us.*

## ✠ Wednesday In-Person Activities

*... will resume on February 3.*

## ✂ Worship Next Sunday – January 10, 2021

*We rejoice over the opportunity to ordain Kari Pierce as a new deacon. Since Covid-19 circumstances prevent us from practicing the laying on of hands, church leadership invites each member and participant to write a note of blessing or a prayer for Kari. We'll gather and present them to Kari on January 10.*

## ✂ 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.*

*Should you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Trey or Anita.*

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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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