



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 10, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany of the Lord*
Deacon Ordination

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anita Thompson

INTROIT

Jesus, the Light of the World
Claire Presley, Anita Thompson, and Jim Wiggins

Elderkin

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine
(See page 4.)

SHINE

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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EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

Deacon Duties

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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ORDINATION OF DEACON

Kari Pierce

Statement of Purpose

Mrs. Penny Rose, Deacon Chair

Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls men and women within Christ's church to serve as deacons in ministry. All ministry derives from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who embodies God's ministry to all the world.

A diaconate has been established through which those designated as deacons serve together in shared responsibility of church leadership. Together they represent, to the people of God, servant ministry within a congregation. Together, they are those who:

- assist generally in worship and particularly in the ministration of baptism and the Lord's supper;
- assist in pastoral care, looking after the needs of the sick and those in distress;
- take shared responsibility for the spiritual life of the congregation and its expressions of the Gospel;
- fulfill designated administrative responsibility in the ordered life and mission of the church.

Charge to Candidate

Mrs. Rose

Kari, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts of ministry for service in its diaconate, and has duly called you to be a deacon. You have accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In the light of your calling to this responsibility,

- do you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
- do you seek the peace, unity, and purity of the church;
- and do you, in accepting the office of deacon in this congregation, promise faithfully to perform all the duties pertaining to your calling?

If your answer is "yes," say "I do."

Charge to Church

Rev. Thompson

Do you, members of First Baptist Church of Ahuskie, receive Kari as deacon within the shared ministry of Christ's mission, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

If your answer is "yes," the join me in reciting our affirmation together.

**Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
we gladly receive Kari as a servant leader in our life together.
We covenant to support her with our prayers, encouragement, and respect.
We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities
for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.**

Laying on of Hands
Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Thompson
Dr. Gilliam

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Frank Britt

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.**

+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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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 159

Fairest Lord Jesus
(See page 6.)

ST. ELIZABETH

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

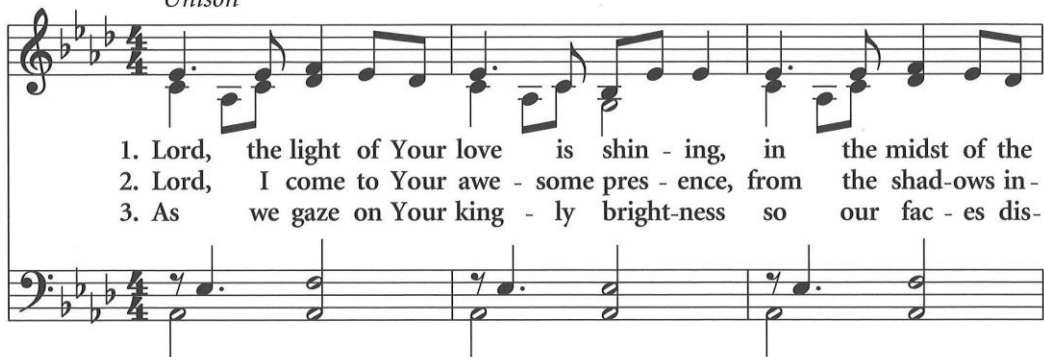
As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+POSTLUDE

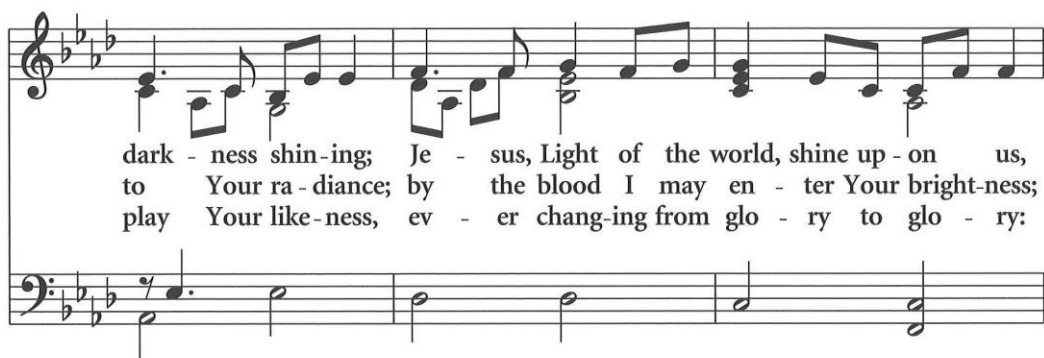
+Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers for today's worship service are given by Carroll Thompson and Anita Thompson in loving memory of Ella Thompson, who was born on January 13, 1937.

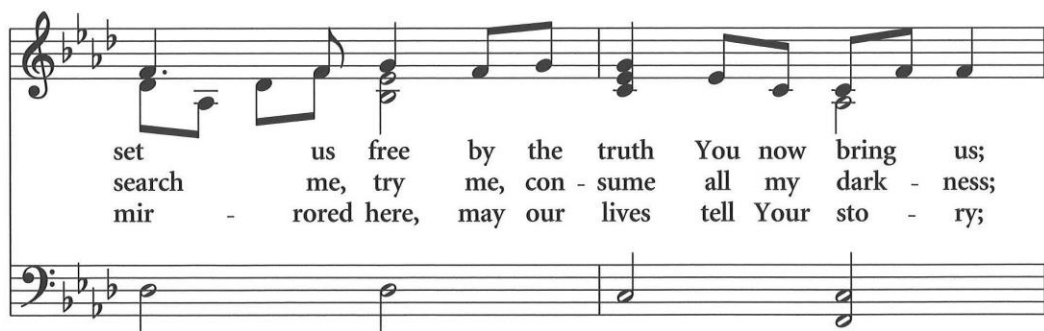
Shine, Jesus, Shine

Unison


1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
 to Your ra - diance; by the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness;
 play Your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry:



set us free by the truth You now bring us;
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness;
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry;



shine on me. Shine on me.
 shine on me. Shine on me.
 shine on me. Shine on me.

Parts (optional)

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

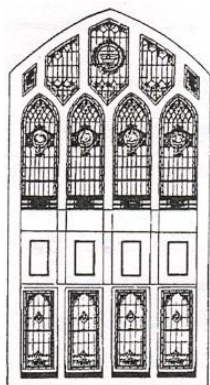
Fairest Lord Jesus

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1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of all na - tions,

O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 10, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

The season of Christmastide ended on January 5, the 12th day of Christmas. Epiphany of the Lord occurs on the following day each year. We are observing Epiphany Sunday today as we remember the story of the magi's visit with the Christ Child (Matthew 2), and celebrate the gift of Christ as the Light of the World. Today we will also ordain Kari Pierce to deacon ministry, giving thanks for the way she "lets her light shine" for Christ in the way she lives.

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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✠ Wednesday In-Person Activities

... will resume on February 3.

✠ 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.

✠ 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.

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

✦ Offering Two Sunday Morning Worship Services - 8:30 and 11:00 am

Beginning Sunday February 7, we will offer two Sunday morning worship services. The first worship service will begin at 8:30am; the second at 11am. The 11am service will be live-streamed on Facebook, and broadcast on our local radio station, WQDK, 99.3.

Reservations will still be required. And, of course, we will still wear masks and observe appropriate distancing. As it stands now, there will not be a nursery for the 8:30am service. There will be a nursery for the 11am service.

✦ Flowers for Worship in 2021

On Monday, January 4, letters were mailed to all who provided flowers for worship services in 2020, inviting them to consider continuing to do so in 2021. Please respond by January 18 so we may begin to fill any vacancies as soon as possible.

If you did not provide flowers last year, but would like to do so this year, please contact Anita and she will let you know dates that are available.

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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