



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 17, 2021 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Miss Reagan Zoch

We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us

are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in streams of mercy and grace.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(See page 3.)

NETTLETON

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 James 1:1-4; 12

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

Half-Full

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 is Well

arr. Susan LaBarr

Claire Presley, Anita Thompson & Jim Wiggins

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Zoch

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

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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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 633 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*
(See page 4.)

ALL THE WAY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

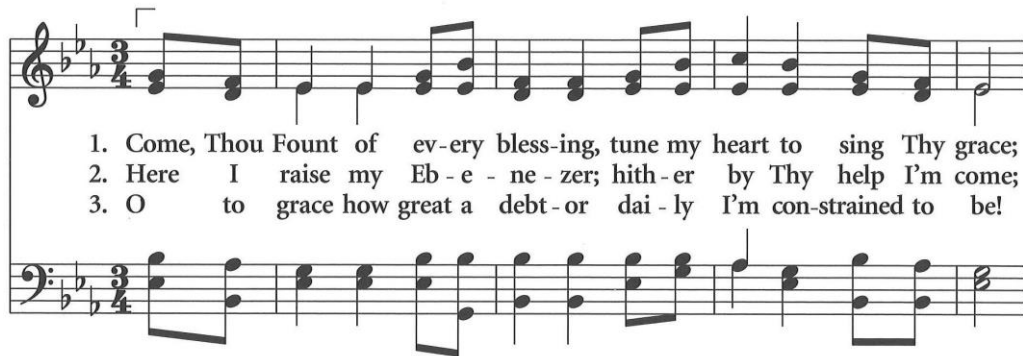
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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.

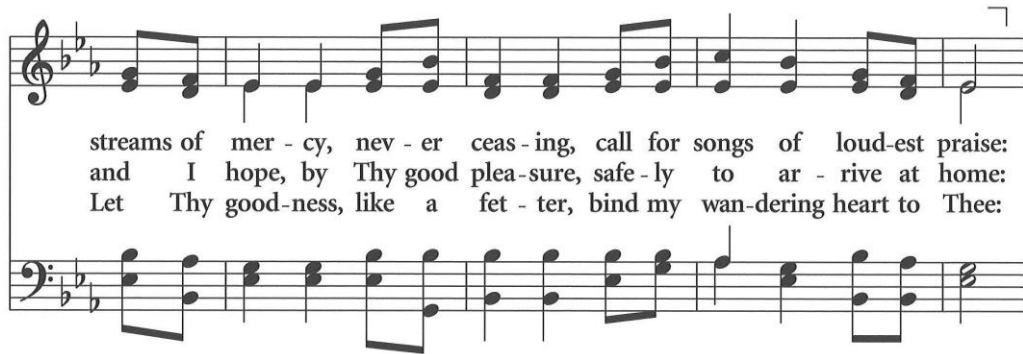
+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

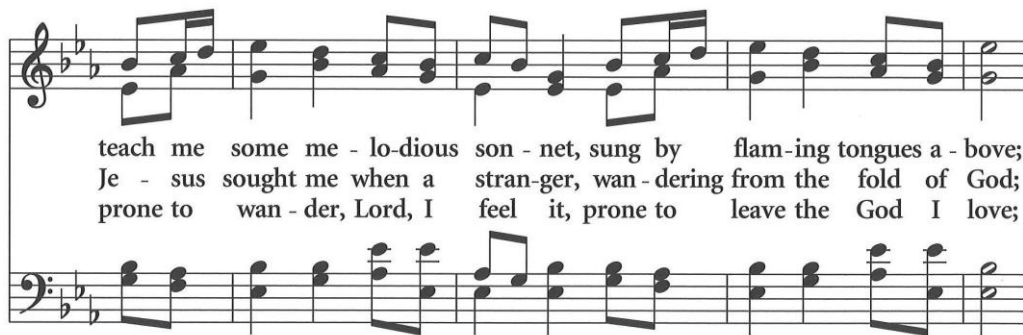
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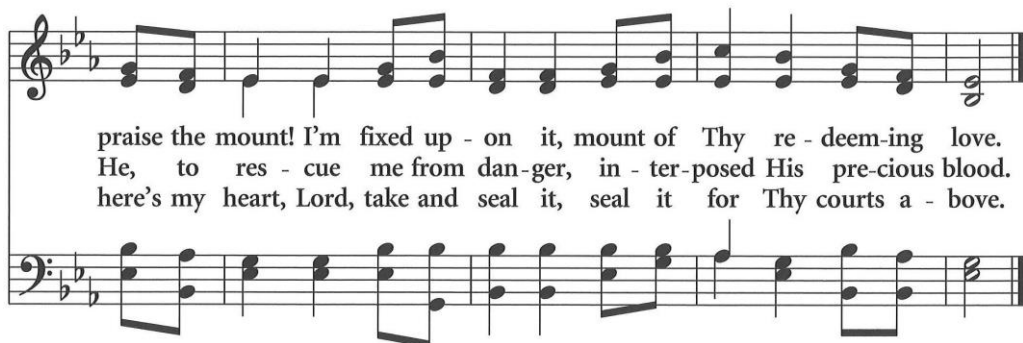
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise:
and I hope, by Thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home:
Let Thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to Thee:



teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem-ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

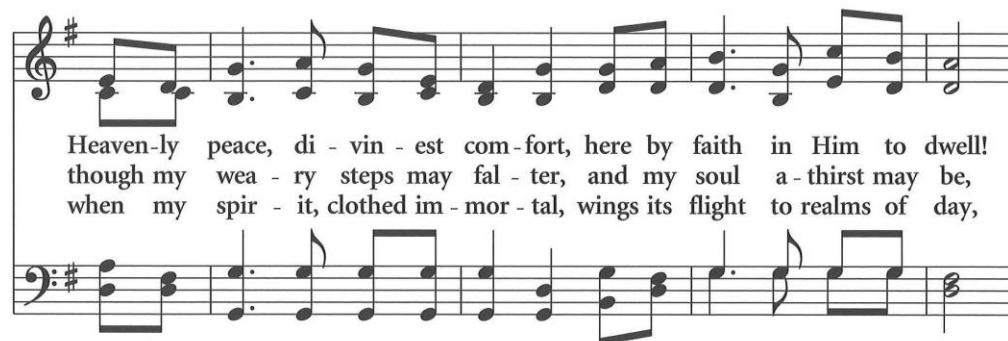
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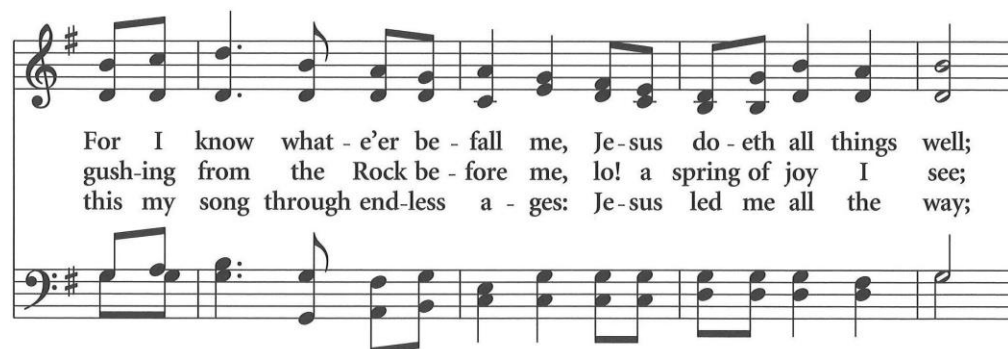
1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be - side?
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; cheers each wind - ing path I tread,
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; oh, the full - ness of His love!



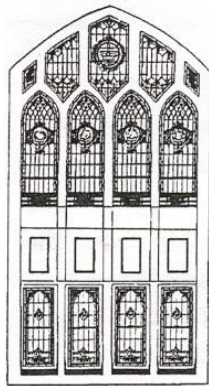
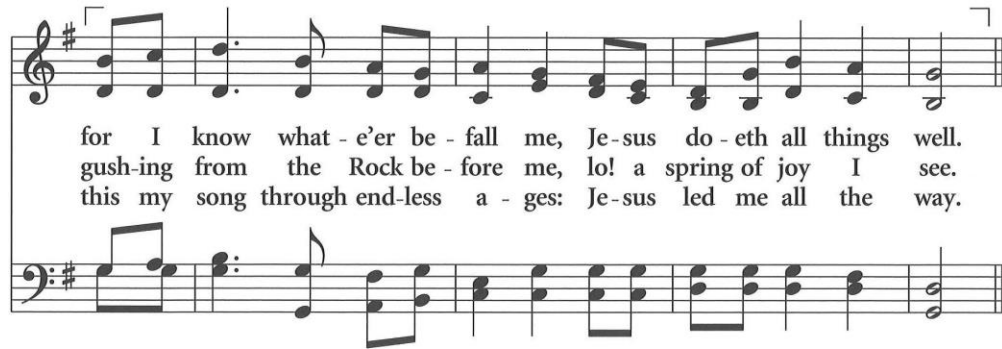
Can I doubt His ten-der mer - cy, who through life has been my guide?
 gives me grace for ev-ery tri - al, feeds me with the liv - ing bread;
 Per - fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa - ther's house a - bove:



Heaven-ly peace, di - vin - est com-fort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
 though my wea - ry steps may fal - ter, and my soul a - thirst may be,
 when my spir - it, clothed im - mor - tal, wings its flight to realms of day,



For I know what - e'er be - fall me, Je-sus do - eth all things well;
 gush-ing from the Rock be - fore me, lo! a spring of joy I see;
 this my song through end-less a - ges: Je-sus led me all the way;



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 17, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

We are currently in the season of Epiphany which will conclude when we enter the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 17.

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 practice social distancing as you depart. You may exit by the doors on either side of the chancel, or the vestibule door at the West & Main corner.

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✦ 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.

✘ 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.

✘ Wednesday In-Person Activities

... will resume on February 3.

✘ 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.

✘ 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.

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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