

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 31, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 19:7-9, 14

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern

Come into the sacred presence of God

whose teachings are perfect;

whose rules can be trusted.

Prepare your hearts to worship God

whose orders are right;

whose commands are pure;

whose judgements are true.

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

be pleasing to You, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer.

INTROIT

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

Linda Alexander, Scott Outlaw, and Vicky Overman

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Newbern

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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See page 3.

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 2:1-9

Dr. Gilliam

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The God of Jesus

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

Mr. Henry Pierce

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

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See page 4.

+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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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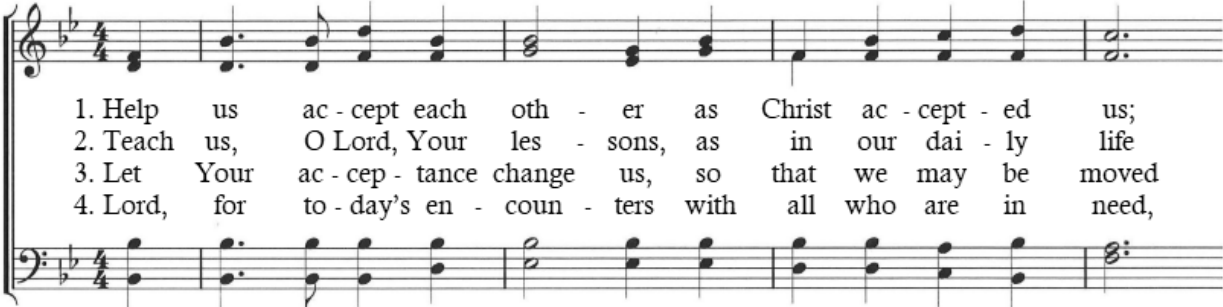
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

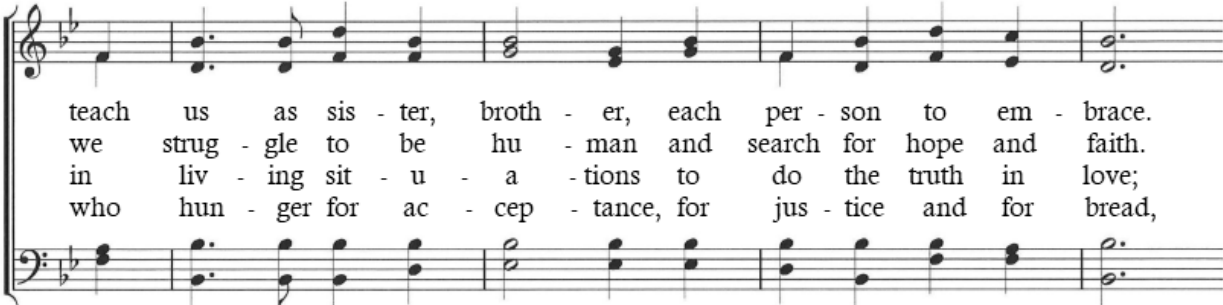
Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
 Christ is our guide and friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

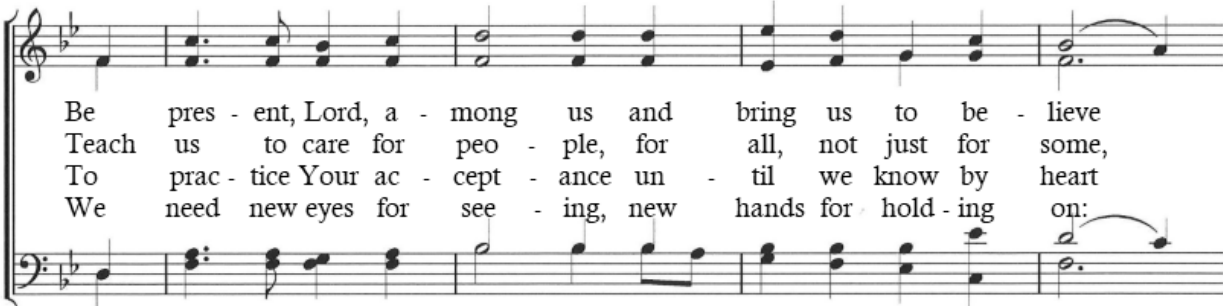
Help Us Accept Each Other



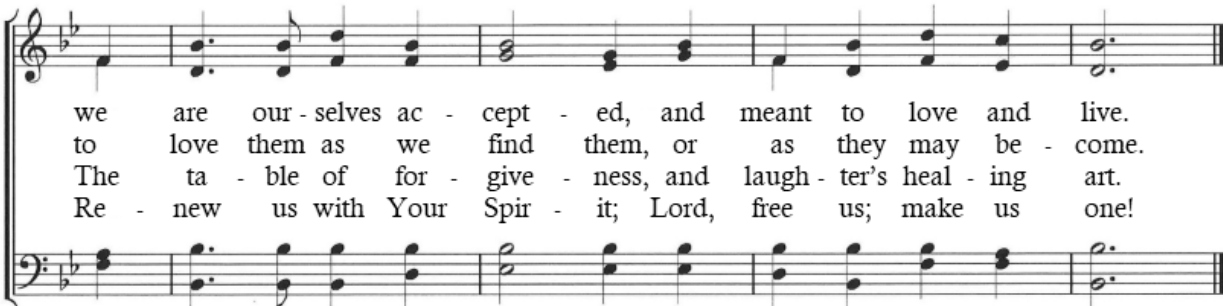
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



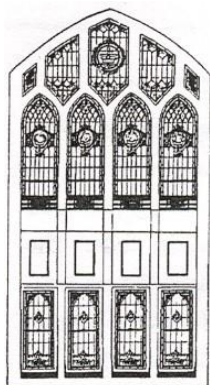
teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
To prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
We need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 31, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy H. Pierce, in memory of her husband, Charlie Pierce, who was born on February 2.

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all worshippers, 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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✦ Worship Next Sunday – February 7, 2021

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.

✦ Wednesday In-Person Activities

... will resume on February 3. Children's Music & Missions for age 3 – grade 5 meets at 5:00 pm. A women's bible study meets at the same time. Contact Kari Pierce for more information about the bible study.

✦ 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.

✦ Online Giving Now Available

... on our church website (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 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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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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