

I love Thee, I love Thee,
I love Thee, my Lord!
I love Thee,
my Savior!
I love Thee,
my God!



I love Thee,
I love Thee,
and that Thou dost know.
But how much I love Thee
my actions will show.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 7, 2021 ✧ 11:00 am

✧ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Gloria Freeman, 8:30
Mr. Andy Woodard, 11:00

INTROIT

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Nancy Baker, Claire Presley and Brandon Zoch

arr. Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Freeman, 8:30
Mr. Woodard, 11:00

+HYMN OF PRAISE 355

We Praise Thee, O God
See page 3.

REVIVE US AGAIN

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 2:14-26

Dr. Gilliam

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Beyond Belief

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. Brandon Zoch, 8:30 & 11:00

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 364

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+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.

We Praise Thee, O God

355

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear refrain. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the first three lines of the first system containing three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system contains the refrain. The fourth system contains the final line of the refrain. The score is written in a clean, modern style with clear notation and lyrics.

1. We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
2. We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of light,
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

for Je - sus who died, and is now gone a - bove.
who hath shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleansed ev - ery stain.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Re - vive us a - gain.

WORDS: William P. Mackay, 1863
MUSIC: John J. Husband, 1815

REVIVE US AGAIN
Irregular with refrain

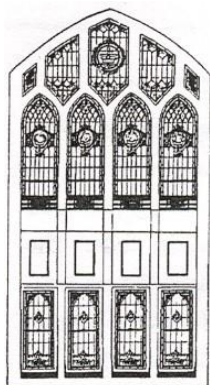
I Love Thee

1. I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;
 2. I'm hap - py, I'm hap - py, oh, won - drous ac - count!
 3. O Je - sus, my Sav - ior, with Thee I am blest,
 4. Oh, who's like my Sav - ior? He's Sa - lem's bright King;

I love Thee, my Sav - ior, I love Thee, my God:
 My joys are im - mor - tal, I stand on the mount:
 my life and sal - va - tion, my joy and my rest:
 He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:

I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know;
 I gaze on my trea - sure and long to be there,
 Thy name be my theme, and Thy love be my song;
 I'll praise Him, I'll praise Him with notes loud and clear,

but how much I love Thee my ac - tions will show.
 with Je - sus and an - gels and kin - dred so dear.
 Thy grace shall in - spire both my heart and my tongue.
 while riv - ers of plea - sure my spir - it shall cheer.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 7, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Coggins, Steve Coggins, and T. E. Ward by Ruth Ward.

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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✦ 1st Sunday of the Month

Normally we observe communion on the first Sunday of the month, but since we begin holding two services today, and will be adjusting to those changes, we will not. However, we will maintain our regular practice of receiving our Benevolence Offering.

✦ Flowers for Worship in 2021

If you usually provide flowers for worship and have not confirmed this with Anita, please do so at (252) 395-0061 or anita@fbcahoskie.org. If you did not provide flowers for worship last year, but would like to do so this year, please contact Anita and she will let you know available dates.

✦ Wednesday In-Person Activities

5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions

Age 3 – K: Room 105

Grades 1-5: Choir Room

5:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Room 106

Contact Kari Pierce, leader, for more information.

✦ Online Giving Now Available

... on our church website (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.

✠ 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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