



*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.* - Psalm 19:14

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 14, 2021 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Last Sunday of Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Kari Pierce, 8:30
Mr. Eley Whitehead, 11:00

INTROIT

Assurance

arr. John Ness Beck

Vicky Overman, Judy G. Pierce, and Jim Wiggins

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Pierce, 8:30
Mr. Whitehead, 11:00

+HYMN OF PRAISE 607 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
See page 3.

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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 3:1-12

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

But It Is

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

Rev. Thompson

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 503 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*
See page 5.

CANONBURY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

1. I will sing the won - drous sto - ry of the
 2. I was bruised, but Je - sus healed me; faint was
 3. He will keep me till the riv - er rolls its

Christ who died for me: how He left His home in
 I from man - y a fall; sight was gone, and fears pos -
 wa - ters at my feet; then He'll bear me safe - ly

glo - ry for the cross of Cal - va - ry.
 sessed me, but He freed me from them all.
 o - ver, where the loved ones I shall meet.

I was lost, but Je - sus found me, found the sheep that
 Days of dark - ness still come o'er me, sor - row's paths I
 Yes, I'll sing the won - drous sto - ry of the Christ who

went a - stray, threw His lov - ing arms a -
 of - ten tread, but the Sav - ior still is
 died for me, sing it with the saints in

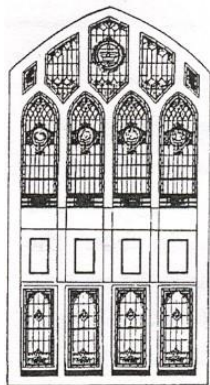
round me, drew me back in - to His way.
 with me; by His hand I'm safe - ly led.
 glo - ry, gath - ered by the crys - tal sea.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 503

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 3. O fill me with Your full - ness, Lord, un -
 4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of Your tone; as You have sought, so
 pre - cious things that You im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 as You will, and when, and where, un - til Your bless - ed

let me seek Your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Your love to tell, Your praise to show.
 face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glo - ry share.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 14, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today's altar flowers are given by Trey and Harriet Byrum, to the glory of God and in honor of Avery Byrum's 14th birthday 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 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

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.

✠ Ash Wednesday Worship February 17

6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

As with all our worship services, we are adapting our Ash Wednesday service to meet Covid-19 guidelines. Reservations are required, and masks must be worn.

As the children and women's Bible study will be meeting at their usual 5:00 pm time, we hope they will plan to remain for the Ash Wednesday service.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that lead up to Easter. This first day of Lent and the following liturgical season are marked with a somberness as Christians reflect on their mortality, their sinfulness, and the dying of self that comes with new life in Christ. Ashes are a biblical reminder of our mortality: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The spreading of ashes on foreheads is a visible reminder of this. The ashes also represent sorrow and repentance for sin.

✠ 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. Please indicate which service you plan to participate in, 8:30 or 11:00. 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