



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 21, 2020 ✕ 8:30 & 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Penny Rose, 8:30 am

Mr. Rick Burns, 11:00 am

God who meets us where we are—
There is nowhere we can go that You are not.
You were with Jesus at His baptism.
You were with Him in the wilderness,
proclaiming aloud, “This is my beloved.”

We know that You are with us too—
in the good, the bad, and everything in between.
But so often we live as if we are alone.
Instead of coming to You with our hurt,
we hold it in or cast it onto others.
Instead of coming to You with our joy,
we credit ourselves and offer You nothing.

How can we long for a deeper relationship with You
while we live as if You are nowhere to be found?
Forgive our self-centered ways.
Remind us that with every breath, and in every step, You are there.
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You are the God who meets us where we are.
Before and behind, above and below, within and around, everywhere.
For this truth we offer our thanks and praise,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
Linda Alexander, Scott Outlaw & Claire Presley
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of world
miserere nobis; dona nobis pacem
have mercy on us; grant us peace

Eugene Butler

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mrs. Rose, 8:30 am
Mr. Burns, 11:00 am

Family of faith, rest in this assurance:
God is here. God sees you. God knows you.
God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,
God is with you in all manner of endings.
God calls you beloved.
Through Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*
See page 4.

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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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 4:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

The Company We Keep

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

Mrs. Claire Presley

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:
O God, the source of all good things, we bring to You our gifts.
Enable us, along with our offerings,
to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. 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 383

Near to the Heart of God
See page 5.

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+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

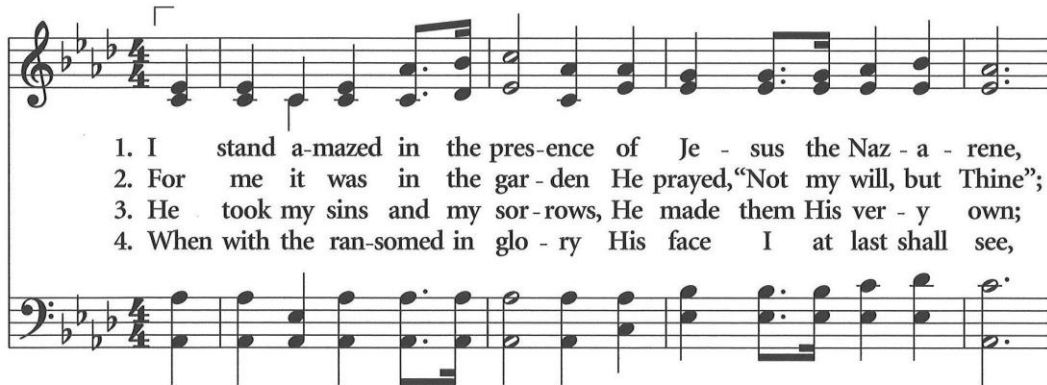
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

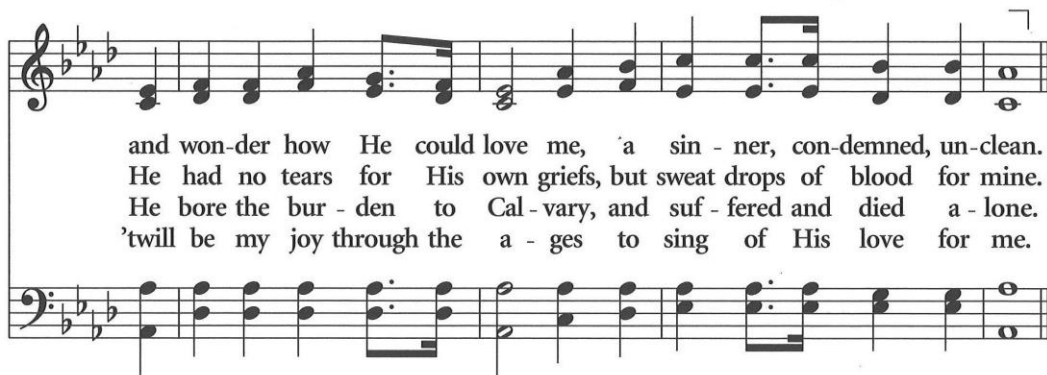
+Those who are able are invited to stand.

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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1. I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene,
 2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine";
 3. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own;
 4. When with the ran-somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see,



and won-der how He could love me, 'a sin - ner, con-demned, un-clean.
 He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
 He bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
 'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of His love for me.



How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! and my song shall ev - er be;
 Oh, how mar-vel-ous! oh, how won-der-ful!



how mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! is my Sav - ior's love for me!
 oh, how mar-vel-ous! oh, how won-der-ful!

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Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

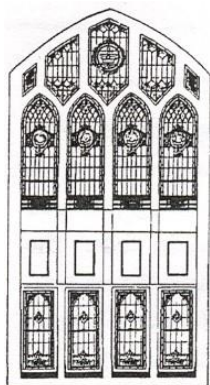
The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

hold us who wait be - fore Thee near to the heart of God.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 21, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today's worship flowers are given by Duck & Jerri Harrell, to the glory of God and in honor of their children, Michael & Billie-joe, and grandchildren, Miles & Victoria, Jordan & Claire, Mary-joe & Will.

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.

✠ 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

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.