



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 28, 2021 ✕ 8:30 & 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Scott Outlaw, 8:30 am
Mrs. Nancy Freeman, 11:00 am

Listening God, as we worship You this day,
take what is closed in us and open it.

Take what is distracted in us and settle it.

Take what is hurting in us and hold it.

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from You.

Open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.

for we long to hear You more clearly and know You more fully.

With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson & Brandon Zoch

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.

Be not afraid, I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

You are mine; you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,

My love for you shall have no end. - Based on Isaiah 43:1-4

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mr. Outlaw, 8:30 am
Mrs. Freeman, 11:00 am

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
knowing that God hears us and forgives us,
we make our confession with gratitude.
**No matter what we have done or left undone,
we are held in God's love.**
So, let us rest in this good news:
God invites us in.
God meets us where we are.
God hears our prayers.
God forgives us.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
See page 4.

BEECHER

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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 4:13-17

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

The Arrogant Christian

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. Vicky Overman

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:
O God, who is 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

Search Me, O God
See page 5.

ELLERS

+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.

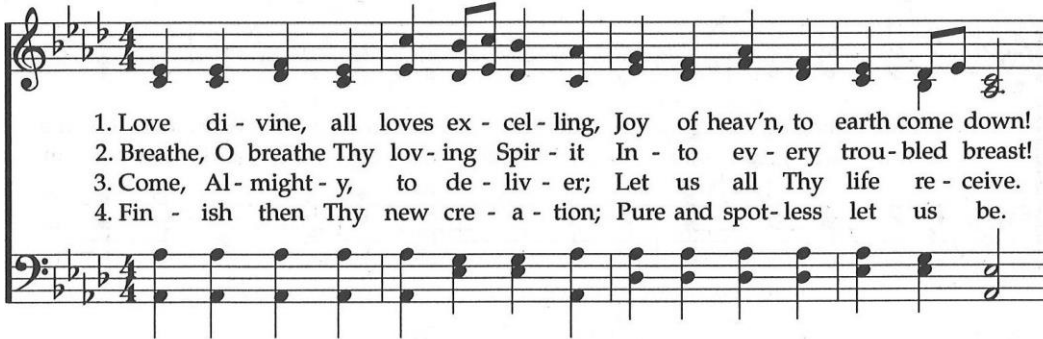
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

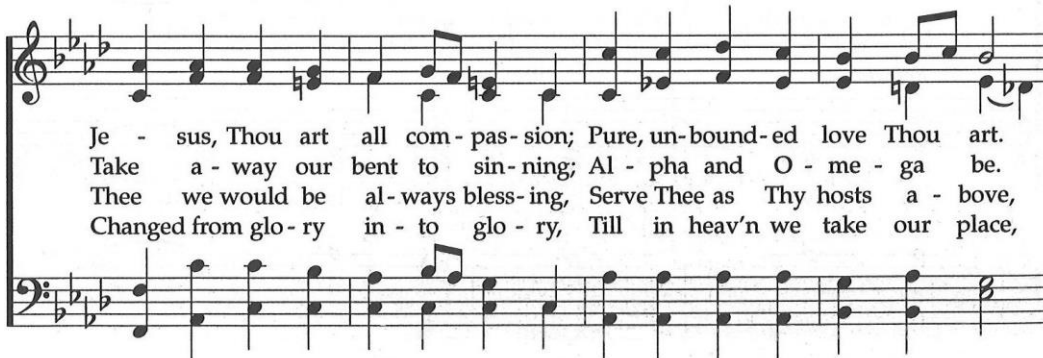
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all Thy life re - ceive.
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art.
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be.
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Search Me, O God

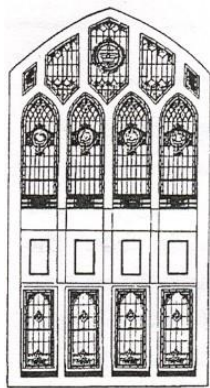
1 Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; try me, O
 2 I praise thee, Lord, for cleans - ing me from sin; ful - fill thy
 3 Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly thine; fill my poor

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick - ed
 Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
 heart with thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas - sion,

way in me; cleanse me from ev - ery sin and set me free.
 burned with shame; grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy thy name.
 self, and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord—in me a - bide.

WORDS: J. Edwin Orr (1912-1987)
 MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

ELLERS
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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 28, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

The flowers for worship today are given by Betty Duke, to the glory of God and in memory of her grandson, Tom.

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.

✠ Churchwide Mission Project

Roanoke Chowan S.A.F.E. House - *Shelter for Abused Families with Emergencies*

Through March 17, our church will be gathering supplies for the Roanoke Chowan S.A.F.E. House. If you'd like to support this project, please bring any of the following items and place them in the plastic bin near the hospital board on the 1st floor.

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Diapers of All Sizes

Kleenex Tissues

Washing Powder

Feminine Products

✠ 2020—2021 Global Missions Offering

We have surpassed our \$5000 goal! Well done! If you've not yet given to this offering, it will be received 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.

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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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