



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 7, 2021 ✠ 8:30 & 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Lyndsay Britt, 8:30 am  
Mr. Jack Britt, 11:00 am

Merciful God,  
we offer this prayer as people seeking to mature in faithfulness,  
striving to contribute all we can  
to building up the community that gathers in Christ's name.

Forgive us when our seeking loses its intensity or lacks focus.  
**Forgive us when our striving gets lethargic or goes in undesirable directions.**

Forgive us our unkindnesses.  
**For we have allowed our words to be more hurtful than healing,  
and have succumbed to judgmental attitudes.**

Forgive us our indifferences.  
**We have constricted our caring by turning away  
from problems we would rather not see,  
and by extending only a safe and selective form of compassion.**

Forgive us our unavailabilities.  
**We have shied away from Your call to exercise our talents in Your service,  
and have made ourselves spiritually or emotionally inaccessible  
to others who need us.**

Forgive us our insecurities.

**We have let the doubts of our faith impair the boldness of our actions,  
and have often failed to believe how thoroughly You value and love us.**

Relying upon Your power to forgive, we pray in honesty and hope.

**Through Jesus Christ, the foundation upon which we, the church are built. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*  
Linda Alexander, Claire Presley & Jim Wiggins

Dale Wood

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mrs. Lyndsay Britt, 8:30 am

Mr. Jack Britt, 11:00 am

How wondrous that the Creator of the universe listens to the prayers we offer.

**How marvelous that confession is met with forgiveness.**

How clearly this shows the greatness and glory of God.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 354

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*  
See page 4.

JOYFUL SONG

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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 5:7-11

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

*Like This!*

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, 8:30 am  
Mrs. Millie Britt, 11:00 am

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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THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
See page 5.

MARYTON

+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.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hal and Ann Daniels by Kim and Ed Cherry, Henry and Pat Daniels and their families.*

## Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Sing, O earth, His  
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! For our sins, He  
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re-deem-er! Heaven-ly por - tals

won - der - ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in  
 suf - fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e - ter-nal sal-  
 loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for - ev - er and

glo - ry, strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!  
 va - tion, hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the cru - ci - fied.  
 ev - er; crown Him! crown Him! proph-et and priest and King!

Like a shep - herd, Je-sus will guard His chil - dren; in His  
 Sound His prais - es! Je-sus who bore our sor - rows, love un -  
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious, power and

arms He car-ries them all day long:  
 bound - ed, won-der - ful, deep, and strong: Praise Him! praise Him!  
 glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

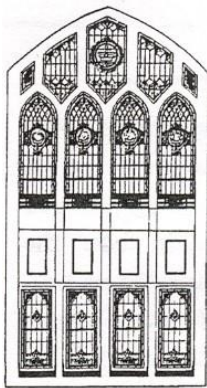
tell of His ex-cel-lent great-ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev-er in joy-ful song!

## O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly  
2. Teach me Thy pa-tience; still with Thee In clos-er,  
3. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray Far down the

paths of ser-vice free; Tell me Thy se-cret,  
dear-er com-pa-ny, In work that keeps faith  
fu-ture's broad-'ning way, In peace that on-ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong.  
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.



## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 7, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

### ✦ Worship Notes

*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 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 led by Kari Pierce  
Room 106

### ✦ Churchwide Mission Project

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

Through March 17, our church will gather 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

Reservations are required. And we are still wearing masks and observing appropriate distancing. Make your reservation by calling the church office (252) 332-4003 or contacting Anita or Trey by 5 pm each Friday.

The 11am service is live streamed on our church Facebook page, and broadcast on our local radio station, WQDK, 99.3. A link to the radio broadcast may be found on our website, and from this source may be heard anywhere in the world where internet service is available. A nursery is provided for the 11am service. Should you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Trey or Anita.

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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### 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*