



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 21, 2021 ✠ 8:30 & 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Dr. Gilliam

Abbigail Renee Dotson & Perry Gene Newbern

ORGAN PRELUDE

LENTEN CONFESSION

Mr. Steven Hollingsworth, 8:30 am

Mrs. Jamie Burns, 11:00 am

Merciful God,
in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life,
and make us part of the body of Christ.
But it's hard, O God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows.
It's hard to maintain our resolve to be Your people in the world.

In repentance we ask You to forgive us for the ways we have failed You.
Turn us around, O God, and set us once again on the holy path
that leads to the Christ of Calvary.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM

At Calvary

Mary McDonald

Vicky Overman, Anita Thompson & Brandon Zoch

*Years I spent in vanity and pride, caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary.
By God's Word at last my sin I learned; then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Until my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.*

*Mercy there was great, and grace was free; pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.*

*Now I've giv'n to Jesus everything; now I gladly own Him as my King.
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary!
Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan! Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary!*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mr. Steven Hollingsworth, 8:30 am
Mrs. Jamie Burns, 11:00 am

Friends, God's mercy is indeed great, and His grace is free.
**Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ,
our burdened souls find liberty.**
God hears our prayers; God pardons our sins.
Again and again God gives us enough love, grace, and mercy
to follow the Way of Christ.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 344

Glorious Is Thy Name
See page 4.

GLORIOUS NAME

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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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Mrs. Vicky Overman, 8:30 am
Mr. Brandon Zoch, 11:00 am

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Overman, 8:30 am
Mr. Zoch, 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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 12:20-33

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

The Language of Lent

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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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 a 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 569

In Christ Alone
See page 5.

IN CHRIST ALONE

+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 AND ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jessie Simons and family in loving memory of John David (Dave) Simons Jr.

Glorious Is Thy Name

1. Bless - ed Sav - ior, we a - dore Thee, we Thy love and grace pro - claim;
 2. Great Re - deem - er, Lord and Mas - ter, Light of all e - ter - nal days,
 3. From the throne of heav - en's glo - ry to the cross of sin and shame,
 4. Come, O come, im - mor - tal Sav - ior, come and take Thy roy - al throne;

Thou art might - y, Thou art ho - ly, glo - rious is Thy match - less name!
 let the saints of ev - ery na - tion sing Thy just and end - less praise!
 Thou didst come to die a ran - som, guilt - y sin - ners to re - claim!
 come, and reign, and reign for - ev - er, be the king - dom all Thine own!

Glo - ri - ous, glo - ri - ous,
 Glo - rious is Thy name, O Lord! Glo - rious is Thy name, O Lord!

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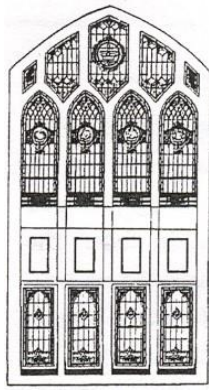
Unison

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in

song. This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and righ-teous-ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com-

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save, till on that cross, as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain. And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no hu-man

er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 21, 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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✠ Celebrating Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Abbigail Dotson and Perry Newbern. Abbigail is the fiancé of Blake Outlaw; they will be married on May 15. Perry is the son of Caroll & Suzanne Newbern; he will celebrate his 10th birthday tomorrow.

✠ Chowan University's Virtual SeniorFest 2021

Tuesday, March 23 from 10:00 to 11:45 am. Opening session led by Matt Fore, humorist, speaker and comedy magician. Choice of 3 breakout sessions. Register at <https://chowan.edu/seniorfest-2021-registration>.

✠ 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

✠ A Memorial Service for the Rev. Ronald W. McSwain

Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 pm, in the FBC Sanctuary. The congregation is invited to attend.

✠ Children's Roles on Palm Sunday

On Sunday, March 28, our grades 1-5 children will ring bells in celebration of the remembrance of Christ's entry into the city of Jerusalem as the crowd shouted their hosannas. Parents are asked to let Rev. Thompson know if their child will be able to ring for both worship services, or for either 8:30 or 11:00.

Also, as is our tradition, any children present for either worship service will be given a palm branch with which they may wave in praise of our Christ.

✂ Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am

At the farm of Stuart & Sandra Pierce, 107 DT Road, Ahoskie. For Children up to 5th Grade. Bring your Easter baskets and a friend.

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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