



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 28, 2021 № 8:30 & 11:00 am W The Season of the Church Year: Palm Sunday

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Dr. Gilliam

Avery Byrum, Isabella Woodard & Leah Woodard

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 11:1-10

Mrs. Claire Presley

BELL RESPONSE

Hosanna!

Michael Burkhardt

The Children Choristers

Congregational Response: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Presley

Holy and sovereign God,

we praise You for Your Son, Jesus, who rode in triumph into the holy city of Jerusalem, hailed a King and Messiah by adoring crowds.

May we, who proclaim Christ as Messiah, Redeemer, Lord and King, courageously and faithfully follow Him in the way of suffering and the cross, lest we be numbered among the fickle crowd who turned their backs on Him.

Turn our hearts again this day to enter into Christ's passion and death so we may also enter into His resurrection and glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 175

All Glory, Laud, and Honor See page 3.

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is our 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.

ANTHEM

Sing Hosanna Unto the Lord
Judy G. Pierce, Claire Presley & Jim Wiggins

IsaBeall Hudson

 $X \times X$

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Liza Pierce

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 Romans 6:1-14

Dr. Gilliam

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON To the Baptized

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of reflection to consider 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 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 361

My Jesus, I Love Thee See page 4.

GORDON

+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 Bobby Cross by Gayle Cross, Pam Price, Carolyn Bratton, and their families.



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My Jesus, I Love Thee



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 28, 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 Avery Byrum, Isabella Woodard, and Leah Woodard. Avery is the 14-year-old daughter of Trey & Harriet Byrum. Isabella and Leah are the daughters of Andy & Natalie Woodard; they are age 17 and 15 respectively.

★ Holy Week Worship Services

•April 1 at 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday

We will gather in the sanctuary to remember the night Jesus gathered in the upper room with His disciples. It was the night before His arrest when He instituted the Lord's Supper.

•April 2 at 7:00 pm - Good Friday

We will gather in the sanctuary to remember the night Jesus was betrayed by one of His own and arrested and crucified for crimes He did not commit.

•April 4 at 8:30 & 11:00 am - Easter Sunday

We will gather to celebrate the risen Savior!

➤ 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 basket and a friend.

₩ Wednesday In-Person Activities

There will be no Wednesday afternoon activities on March 31 and April 7.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker *Music Associate/Pianist*

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom Pastor Emeritus Miss Bridget Deveney Music Associate/Organist

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