

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 9, 2021 ✠ 8:30 & 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Sixth Sunday after Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Steven Hollingsworth & Miss Jane Hollingsworth, 8:30 Acolytes

Mrs. Anna Pierce & Miss Liza Pierce, 11:00 Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:4

Mr. Steven Hollingsworth, 8:30

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett, 11:00

Sing a new song to the LORD!

**Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!**

Sing to the LORD; praise his name.

**Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.**

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

**Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!**

INTROIT

*Great is the Lord*  
The Vocal Ensemble

Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Hollingsworth, 8:30

Mrs. Umphlett, 11:00

+HYMN OF PRAISE 323

*How Great Thou Art*  
See page 3.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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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      1 Corinthians 8

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

*A Serious Matter*

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

Miss Hollingsworth, 8:30 am

Miss Liza Pierce, 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.**

+DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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 660    *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
See page 5.

MARYTON

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## +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 Iris Bazemore by her children: David, Dennis, Debbie, Diane, and their families.*

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## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, and hear the  
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, sent Him to  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the \*worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the \*roll - ing  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze:  
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system's vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and A3, then a half note G3. The second system's vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and A3, then a half note G3. The lyrics are: "art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to" for the first system and "Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!" for the second system.

# 660 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

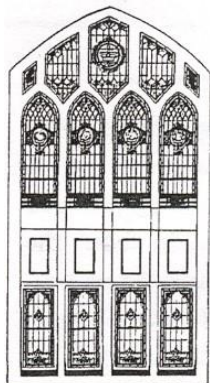
1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee in low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee in clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me Thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 Thou canst give, with Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879  
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON  
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 Lower key, No. 452



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 9, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

*In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all worshippers, 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.
- Offering – please place your offering in the plates located at the doors on either side of the chancel.
- You're encouraged to sit and reflect during the postlude.
- Please practice social distancing as you depart.

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## ✦ Mother's Day

*"Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others which we call 'Motherhood.' We give thanks to God for the many ways we have found it, and for the numerous ways we have cultivated it within ourselves." - Hannah Kardon, United Methodist Pastor*

## ✦ Church Conference - May 26 at 7:00 pm

*In preparation for the return to one Sunday morning Worship service, we have a motion from the deacons that we move our Sunday morning worship time from 11am to 10am, and that we move our Sunday School time from 10am to 9am. A church-wide discussion, without a vote, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 7pm in the church fellowship hall. A vote on this motion, without discussion, is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at the beginning of worship.*

## ✦ Summer Church Camp 2021 for Children

*Responses to our survey regarding Summer Church Camp have been quite good. Thank you! Based on those surveys, we will offer one Summer Church Camp for all children, age 3 through grade 5 (2021-2022 school year), June 21-24 (Monday – Thursday) from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Supper will be provided each evening. More information and opportunities to volunteer are forthcoming.*

## ✦ Sunday School Classes

*At their April 20th meeting the deacons concluded that our Sunday School classes may resume meeting when they are ready. Each class may choose when to begin and adopt their own mask-wearing policy within their classroom. Nursery care during Sunday School will resume on May 23. If literature needs to be ordered for your class, please contact Rev. Thompson at (252) 395-0061, or [anita@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:anita@fbcahoskie.org).*

## ✠ Children's Worship Bags

*Beginning today, we are resuming our usual practice of placing the children's worship bulletins and bags at the entrances to the sanctuary. Parents and/or children are encouraged to pick them up as they enter the sanctuary.*

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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*

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