



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 23, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Pentecost Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Barry Braman

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Linda Alexander & Madison Alexander, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Penny Rose

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

INTROIT

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

arr. Larry Shackley

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 229

Let Every Christian Pray

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

Acts 2:1-21 – The Pentecost Story

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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EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 235 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

But There's More

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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GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-17, 25-27

Rev. Thompson

In Pew Bible, page 133 of New Testament

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

+HYMN 234

Spirit of the Living God

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Thompson

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 – Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be.
World without end. Amen. 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 231

Breathe on Me

TRUETT

+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.

+PIANO POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Larry Shackley

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

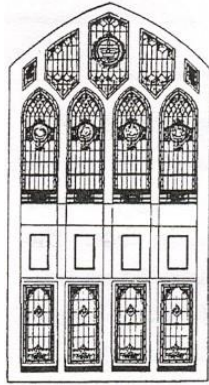
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 23, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Covid-19 Notes

- Mask wearing is optional for all people. Parents, we ask that you decide what you think is in the best interest of your child or children in terms of whether or not to wear a mask.
- Please place your offering in the plates located near the communion table or at the doors on either side of the chancel.

✦ Worship Notes

- Today is Pentecost Sunday, often hailed as the birthday of the church. As you worship today, look for the colors of fire and listen for the voice of God's Spirit.
- You're encouraged to sit and reflect during the postlude.
- Our organist, Bridget Deveney, is on vacation today.

✦ Church Conference - May 26 at 7:00 pm

In preparation for the return to one Sunday morning worship service, we have a recommendation from the deacons that we consider moving 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

We are considering a date change. Dates being considered are June 21-24, July 12-15, and July 26-29. A decision will be made in the coming week.

Ages & Grades: Age 3 (by 8/31/21) to grade 5 (2021-22 school year.)

Volunteer Needs: ♦ Decorating team members.

♦ Age group leaders.

♦ Childcare providers for leader's children who are under age 3.

Speak with Rev. Thompson if you are willing to volunteer.

✦ Meals on Wheels Volunteers

For the past 14 months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, employees at the Ahoskie Nutrition Center have taken care of delivering meals for the Meals on Wheels program. The organization reports that they are ready to return to the practice of using volunteers for the deliveries.

FBC Ahoskie has a long history of providing a team of volunteers to deliver meals on Mondays. Pre-pandemic, we had enough volunteers so that individuals or pairs delivered meals once per quarter. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jayne Frei at (757) 478-6194.

✂ Introducing Our New Staff Member

Jessica Pyle joined our staff on Monday, May 17 to serve as our Communications Coordinator. A resident of Murfreesboro, she graduated from Chowan University in 2019 with a degree in graphic communications.

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