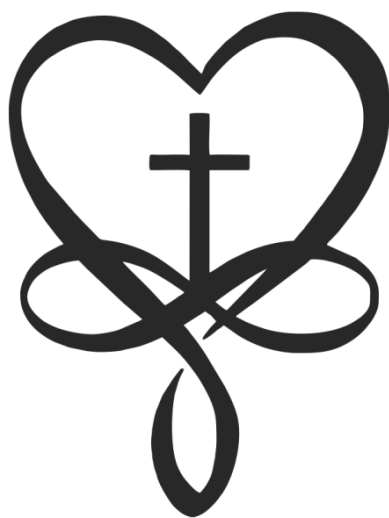


*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,*



*hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.*

The Worship of God ✠ June 27, 2021 ✠ Ordinary Time

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 27, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Ordinary Time*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Paul Gilliam

We gather not to be blessed,
but to bless.

We gather not to receive,
but to give.

We gather to bless God,
**and to give thanks and praise to God
for the life, ministry, death, resurrection,
and coming again of Jesus the Christ.**

Now let us be about our business.
Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Henry, Bennett & Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

INTROIT

Sacred Harp Suite
Claire Presley, Soloist

arr. Mary McDonald

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – WARRENTON
Christians, We Have Met to Worship – HOLY MANNA
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need – RESIGNATION

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Gilliam

+HYMN OF PRAISE 350 *Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED 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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:28-30 Ms. Jennifer Byrd

In Pew Bible, page 14 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 597

He Keeps Me Singing

SWEETEST NAME

✠ ✠ ✠

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Ms. Byrd

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

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 ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 4:8-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 415 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Less Clutter, More God

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.*

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 383 *Near to the Heart of God*

McAFEE

+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.

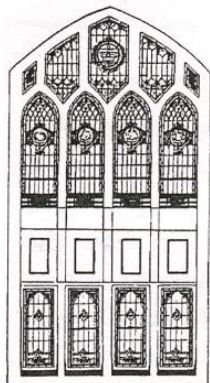
Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Spencer & Dolores Matthews.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D.
Thompson
Associate Pastor
Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III
Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

June 27, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:

Babies: Keith & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Josh, Jessica & Lily Ann Brinkley

✠ Summer Church Camp 2021: July 12-15 from 5:15 PM – 8:00 PM

♦ Are You a Volunteer?

If you volunteered but have not yet received your assignment and information, please contact Rev. Thompson ASAP.

♦ Volunteer's Meeting

Sunday, June 27 at 2:00 pm

♦ Ages & Grades

Age 3 (by 8/31/21) to Grade 5 (2021-22 school year)

♦ Registration Deadline

July 5

✠ Churchwide Roller Skating: Saturday, July 17

Time and location to be determined.

✠ Christian Women's Job Corps Sunday: August 8

During the morning worship service, we will celebrate the ministry of Christian Women's Job Corps. A churchwide meal will follow. More information is forthcoming.

✠ Bible Presentations: August 15

As is our tradition, we will present Bibles to our 1st and 6th graders as we celebrate their transition to grade school and youth ministries.

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