

Joseph forgives his brothers.

- Genesis 50:15-21



The Worship of God ✦ July 11, 2021 ✦ Ordinary Time

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 11, 2021 ✠ 11:00 am

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. 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.

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 122:1 Mrs. Nancy Freeman

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord!
This is the place where we worship our God,
where we sing and pray and fellowship with one another.
This is God's house, a sanctuary, a place set aside for the most sacred business.
This is the place where we worship our God,
where scripture is read, and preached, and discerned, and proclaimed.
How will you receive God's invitation to worship Him this day?
I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord!

INTROIT

I Was Glad, I Was Glad
The Vocal Ensemble

Stan Pethel

INVOCATION

Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Serve the Lord with Gladness*
See pages 5 & 6.

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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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EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:16-21

Mr. Timothy Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 197 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

+HYMN 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. 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.

+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 Genesis 50:14-21

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 59 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Your Place

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

Dr. Gilliam

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 507 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Work & Work

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

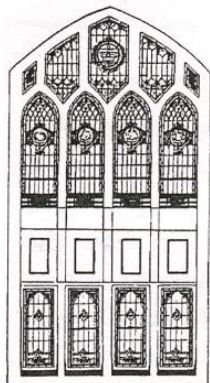
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ernie & Austine Evans.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 11, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Our organist, Bridget Deveney, is on vacation today through July 21.

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

Babies: Joyce Leary & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Lyndsay Britt, Isabella Woodard & Leah Woodard

Age 3 – Kindergarten: William & Heather Alexander

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

- ♦ *All Summer Church Camp volunteers will meet today at 2:00 pm for a final planning meeting, and to help set up and decorate the rooms.*
- ♦ *Please hold in prayer all participants and leaders throughout the week.*
- ♦ *You're invited to come to the closing program on Thursday, July 15 at 7:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

✠ Churchwide Roller Skating: Saturday, July 17

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Greenbrier Family Skating Center, 1409 Stephanie Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320. If you need a ride, contact the church office.

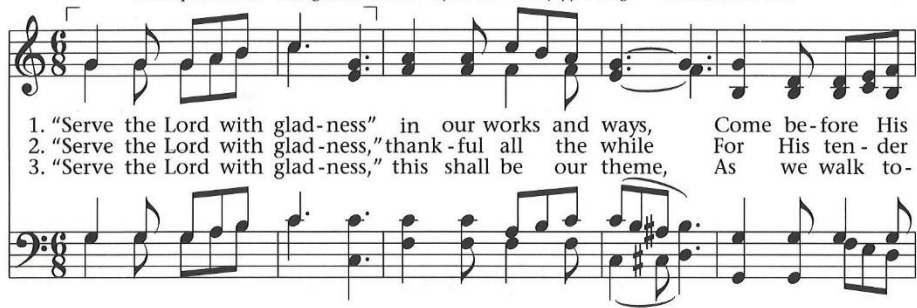
✠ Christian Women's Job Corps Sunday – August 1

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

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Serve the Lord with Gladness

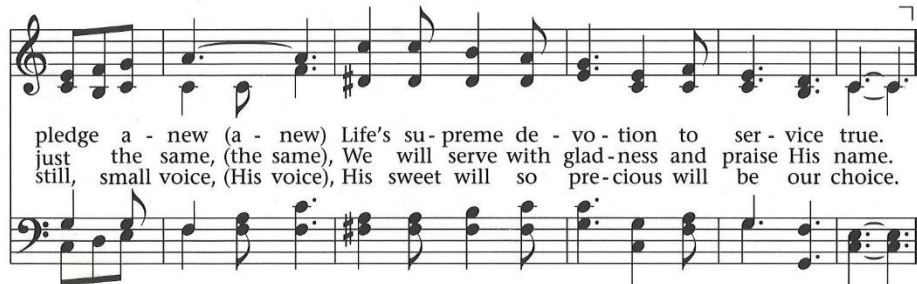
Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs — Psalm 100:2 NIV



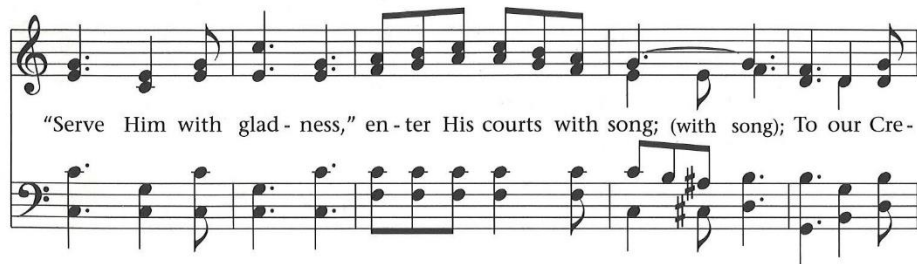
1. "Serve the Lord with glad-ness" in our works and ways, Come be-fore His
 2. "Serve the Lord with glad-ness," thank-ful all the while For His ten-der
 3. "Serve the Lord with glad-ness," this shall be our theme, As we walk to-



pres-ence with our songs of praise; Un-to Him our Mak-er we would
 mer-cies, for His lov-ing smile: Bless-ed truth en-dur-ing, al-ways
 geth-er in His love su-preme: Lis-t'ning, ev-er lis-t'ning for the



pledge a - new (a - new) Life's su-preme de - vo - tion to ser - vice true.
 just the same, (the same), We will serve with glad-ness and praise His name.
 still, small voice, (His voice), His sweet will so pre-cious will be our choice.



"Serve Him with glad-ness," en-ter His courts with song; (with song); To our Cre-

at - or true prais-es be - long: (be - long): Great is His mer - cy, won-der-ful

is His name, (His name), We glad-ly serve Him, His great love pro-claim. (pro-claim).

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam
III
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist