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Teach me Your paths.
Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are God my Savior,
and my hope is in You all day long.
- Psalm 25:4-5*



The Worship of God ✦ July 18, 2021 ✦ Ordinary Time

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 18, 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

Miss Sophia Byrd and Miss Leslie Jernigan, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 25:4-5

Mrs. Jamie Burns

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INTROIT

God Will Guide Us

Jay Stocker

Summer Church Camp Children & Leaders

So many years, so many trials, God has been with us through them all.

He gives us strength, through His power. He will never let us down.

And we sing, Oh, God will guide us. Oh, He will provide for us.

Through the wilderness He will deliver us.

He's done it before; He'll do it again. He is faithful!

LITANY

Mrs. Burns

God is with us, so . . . **trust God.**
God give us what we need, so . . . **trust God.**
God saves us, so . . . **trust God.**
God guides us, so . . . **trust God.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

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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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EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Mrs. Penny Rose

In Pew Bible, page 217 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Rose

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.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Dr. Gilliam

Jonah 1:1-4, 15-17; 2:1, 10; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-2

In Pew Bible, page 1053 of Old Testament

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SERMON

Just Do It

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 485 *The Master Has Come*

ASH GROVE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHORAL RESPONSE *Shalom, Chaverim*

Folk Song

"Peace, Friends"

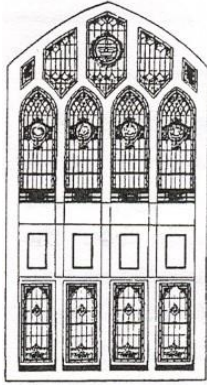
Summer Church Camp Children & Leaders

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers for today's worship service are given by Carolyn Arrington to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland "Moe" Hardison, Minnie Belle Hardison, and William "Bill" Arrington.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 18, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Our organist, Bridget Deveney, is on vacation today through July 21. We welcome Tyler Schodt who is playing in her stead.

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

Babies: Faith Burnett & Kari Pierce

Ages 1 & 2: Scott & Lisa Outlaw

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Harriet & Avery Byrum

✠ Summer Church Camp 2021 – Thank You!

We offer our thanks for all who helped make this year's camp a wonderful experience. On the evenings of Jul 12 – 15, our building was filled with the wonderful and energetic sounds of children singing, and playing, crafting, and learning. Through the story of Moses and the Israelites, the children learned what it means to depend on God and trust Him for guidance.

We are thankful for the middle school and high school students who served as tribe leaders and game leaders. We are thankful for the adults who held leadership roles, provided meals, and decorated. And we are grateful for the families who gave us the great privilege of being with and teaching their children each evening.

✠ Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps Needs

Christian Women's Job Corps rejoices with our participants who recently were able to move into their own place. We desperately need window air conditioner units. Other needs include kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, microwaves, mixers), furniture (lamps, tables, etc.), bathroom items, and anything else you can think of. If you are able to donate your unused items or if you have any questions, please contact Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301.

✠ 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.

✠ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family of Rachel Modlin who passed away on Saturday, June 10th. A graveside service was held on July 12th.

And we offer our sympathy to Joanna Dunn and family in the death of her son, Finn, on July 13. A funeral was held on July 17 at Ridgecroft School.

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