



The Worship of God ✠ July 25, 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 25, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. William Alexander & Abby, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. L. Taylor Rose

Let us praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
We will praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

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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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:12, 15

Ms. Peggy Springfield

In Pew Bible, page 197 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

In Deepest Night

Cherwien

Vicky Overman, Soloist

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise,
when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly
there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived, dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;
so with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully
there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path, around us pain, around us death:
deep calls to deep, a saving breath, and found beside us faithfully
there is the love of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

+HYMN 387 *God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us*

GALILEE



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Ms. Springfield

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 Psalm 150

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 717 of Old Testament

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Even Now

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 366

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

+BENEDICTION

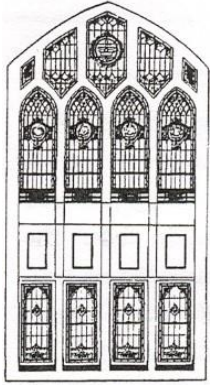
Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God by Don, LuAnn, Win and Elizabeth Joyner in memory of Thomas Miles Newbern, David Edward "Finn" Dunn V, and Fletcher Harrison Pierce.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 25, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

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

Babies: Keith & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

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

✦ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family of Fletcher Pierce who passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. A memorial service was held at FBCA on July 23rd.

✦ Christian Women's Job Corps Sunday – August 1, 2021

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

✦ Heck-Jones Offering for WMU NC – August 1, 2021

We will receive the annual Heck-Jones offering on Sunday, August 1, 2021. This offering provides funds for the missions and ministries of the Woman's Missionary Union of NC. One of those ministries is Christian Women's Job Corps which is an important ministry of our church.

✦ Bible Presentations – August 15, 2021

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.

Churchwide Meal – August 29, 2021

Plan to join us for a churchwide meal following the 11 AM worship service on August 29, 2021.

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