

Come, Christians, join to sing...

Alleluia!

The Worship of God ✠ September 5, 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

September 5, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Eley Whitehead

How many ways can we share 'alleluia!'?

When the table is set, **alleluia.**

When the bread is broken, **alleluia.**

When the hungry are fed, **alleluia.**

When the church is gathered, **alleluia.**

When the church is scattered, **alleluia.**

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Alleluia.

INTROIT

Alleluia

Gaither; arr. Otis Skillings

The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Whitehead

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

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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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

Miss Ashlee' Perry

In Pew Bible, page 617 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 485

The Master Has Come

ASH GROVE



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Perry

Please Note: During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not passing offering plates in our usual manner, instead, you are encouraged to place your offering in one of the offering plates located at each sanctuary entrance.

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

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 17 & 18 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tick Tock

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.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 472 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMELE

+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 Lee & Lou Wilson.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

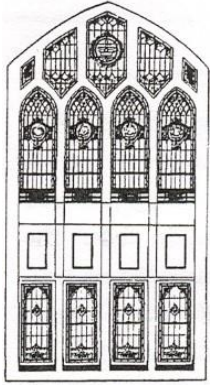
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 5, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today we will celebrate The Lord's Supper together. Communion cups are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

✦ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month, we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

✦ Wednesday Night Activities

5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions

- Age 3 - K in Room 105
- Grades 1 - 5 in Choir Room

6:00 PM Youth Group Gathering (Grades 6 - 12)

6:00 PM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

✦ The 2021-2022 Church Year Began September 1, 2021

- *First graders promote to the Grades 1 - 5 Sunday School class which meets in room 104.*
- *Sixth graders promote to the Youth Sunday School class which meets in room 308. They also participate in all Youth Group activities.*
- *For committees which have rotating members, new members will come on board; those who have completed their service will rotate off.*

✦ Woman's Missionary Union: Group 4

Meets Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 AM.

✦ Memorial Service for Oliver Fleming

Due to COVID concerns, the September 11th memorial service for Oliver Fleming will be a private affair.

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