

The Worship of God ✦ September 19, 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 19, 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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton & Corbett, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Claire Presley

From the time You fashioned the heavens and the earth
from a formless void, O God,
Your creative energy has performed marvelous works all around us.

**May Your creative Spirit be at work
in our hearts and minds today
as we worship You,
and as we strive to live in obedience to Your will.
Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

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CHILDREN'S 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.**



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:28-30

Mrs. Presley

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

ANTHEM

He Hideth My Soul
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Brad Nix

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see. (Refrain)

*With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, and filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!" (Refrain)*

*When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high. (Refrain)*

Refrain: *He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.*

He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand.



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Presley

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.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 8

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 605 & 606 of Old Testament

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SERMON

The Next Step

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 482 *Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

Stanzas: Jordan Martin, Soloist
Refrain: Congregation

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

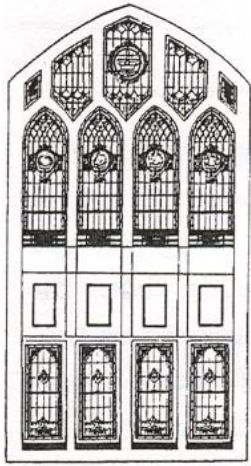
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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 the Williford family in loving memory of Dot, Clarence, and Al Williford.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 19, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Our organist, Bridget Deveney, is on vacation today. We give thanks for Bland Baker, Music Associate/Pianist, who carries well today's added responsibilities.

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

Babies: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Jordan & Claire Harrell

Age 3 - K: Harriet & Avery Byrum

✦ Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearses Today at 2:00 PM

The Chairo Music Ensemble sings praise and worship music as well as global church music. It's our intergenerational choir which is open to students in grades 6 - 12, college students, and adults of all ages. Chairo is pronounced "KY—roh," and is an English transliteration of the Greek word, χαίρω which means, "to rejoice." Chairo rehearses on Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Choir Room. You do not have to know how to read music in order to sing with Chairo. Speak with Rev. Thompson if you have any questions, or just show up for a rehearsal.

✦ Upcoming Meetings

Monday, September 20th | 3 PM Staff Meeting

Monday, September 20th | 7 PM Building & Grounds Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st | 7 PM Deacons' Meeting

✦ 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

✦ 2022 Budget Preparation

The Finance Committee is distributing 2022 budget preparation forms to appropriate committee chairs and church staff. The requests are due by Friday, September 24th. Details are forthcoming regarding when the proposed budget will be mailed, when the church will meet to discuss it, and when the church will vote on it.

✦ Children's Mission Project

Children are encouraged to collect aluminum pop tabs from any container (soda can, soup can, pet food can, etc.) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, NC. The leadership of Ronald McDonald House takes the pop tabs to a local recycler to turn them into money to provide for the families who stay in the house. The Ronald McDonald House program helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child.

A collection box will be in the 1st floor hallway. Let's gift the RMH with a boatload of pop tabs by the March 21, 2022 deadline!

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Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist