



**The Worship of God ✕ October 3, 2021 ✕ World Communion Sunday**

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 3, 2021 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: World Communion Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul Gilliam

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

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 worship together with zeal.  
**Amen.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Mr. Josh Brinkley & Lily Ann, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1-2, 6

Mr. Don Joyner

INTROIT

*Shout to God*  
The Men's Ensemble

Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 332

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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## CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

### *World Communion Sunday*

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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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 10:9-13

Mr. Lee Taylor Rose

In Pew Bible, page 194 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## +HYMN 208

*He Is Lord*

HE IS LORD

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Rose

*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:

**You are the God who creates us,**

**the Christ who redeems us,**

**the Holy Spirit who fills us with hope.**

**May we and our gifts be instruments of Your purposes here on earth.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## +DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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.

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 113

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 692 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### *A Good Question*

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

*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 323

*How Great Thou Art*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

## +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 by Sharon & Kenny Roope, and Tracy & Bryant Lewis, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of E.L. Holloman, Ada Fornes, and Glenda Byrd.*

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

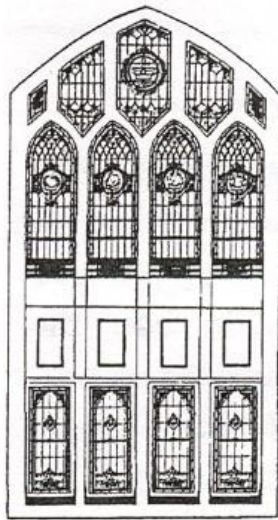
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

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

October 3, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that all worshipers mask for the entire worship service. Extra masks are available at our West St. entrance.*

*Our organist, Bridget Deveney, is on vacation today. In her stead, we welcome back Tyler Schodt.*

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

*Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw*

*Ages 1 & 2: Bill & Debbie Magette*

*Age 3 - K: Will & Landis Chamblee*

## ✠ This Week's Schedule

**Today, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

2:00 PM - Chairo Music Ensemble

**Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 PM - Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM - WMU Group 4

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM - Ahoskie Garden Club

5:00 PM - Children's Music & Missions

- Age 3 – K, Room 105

- Grades 1 – 5, Choir Room

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

6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM - Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

**Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM - Christian Women's Job Corps

## ✦ 2022 Deacon Nominations

In the coming week resident church members will receive information about the 2022 deacon election process. Also included will be a list of members who are eligible to serve as a deacon. If you wish to have your name removed from the deacon ministry nomination list, please let Rev. Gilliam or Rev. Thompson know today.

On October 17, 2021, members will have the opportunity to nominate five persons to serve a 3-year term as a deacon beginning January 1, 2022. Deacon election will take place on December 12, 2021.

## ✦ 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. Let's gift the RMH with a boatload of pop tabs by the March 21, 2022 deadline.

## ✦ Christmas Choir 2021 - Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

If you would like to sing in the Christmas Choir, you are invited to gather in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We will present our annual Christmas Cantata on the morning of December 12<sup>th</sup>, and the evening of December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ✦ Save the Dates

### ◆ Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - *All Saints' Sunday*

We remember and give thanks for our FBCA brothers and sisters who died since last All Saints' Sunday.

### ◆ Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - *Children's Sabbath*

Our age 3 through grade 5 children will lead us in worship. Please note the change of date from October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ◆ Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Cantata at 11:00 AM*

### ◆ Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Cantata at 6:00 PM*

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