

The Worship of God ✠ October 10, 2021 ✠ Ordinary Time

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 10, 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 worship together with zeal.

**Amen.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern & Sarah, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Perry Newbern

INTROIT

*Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach; arr. P. Liebergen

The Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Newbern

+HYMN OF PRAISE 310

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

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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.**



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 4:9-10, 13-16  
In Pew Bible, page 292 of New Testament

Dr. Linda Alexander

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

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 622

*He Lives*  
Stanza 1

ACKLEY



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Alexander

*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.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 116  
In Pew Bible, page 694 of Old Testament

Dr. Gilliam

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## *Experiencing God*

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 404

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

## +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 in loving memory of Mary Frances & Ernie Johnson, by their children, Emily Johnson, Becky Wines, Graham Johnson, and their families.*

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

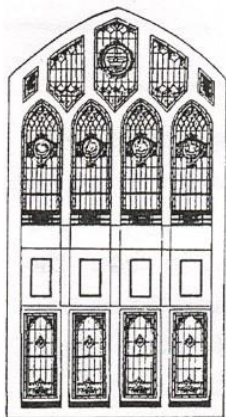
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

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 10, 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.*

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

*Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Joyce Leary*

*Ages 1 & 2: Lyndsay Britt, Isabella & Leah Woodard*

*Age 3 - K: William & Heather Alexander*

## ✦ This Week's Schedule

**Today, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

2:00 PM - Chairo Music Ensemble

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 PM - Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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. 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.*

## ✦ Capital Campaign Update

*On Sunday, October 3, 2021, the Capital Campaign Committee launched Phase 2, the Preparation Phase of our Capital Campaign. We have moved our focus to the lower area of our 1937 building which needs improvement comparable to that which we did in our sanctuary. We are happy to report that through the generous gifts and pledges of some of our church members, we are halfway to our goal of \$350,000. Please join us in making Phase 2 a success!*

*Through our version of the “Pony Express,” you will be receiving at your door information about our goals and plans for improvements in our kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Everyone’s pledge is important, so please pray about your contributions and let us know on the pledge cards how much your gifts will total by the end of the Campaign in December 2022. Let the renovations begin with the goal of having a lovely space where we can enjoy many intergenerational activities for years to come!*

*Thank you,  
Jerry Alexander, Lyndsay Britt, Harriett Byrum, Austine Evans, Charles Hughes, Walt Pierce,  
Penny Rose, Buzzy Swain*

## ✦ Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

*For children birth through grade 5. Trunk Decorators are needed. Contact Rev. Thompson.*

## ✦ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

*It is time to prepare for this year’s Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our goal this year is for our church to complete 100 boxes! We want to help boys and girls around the world know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*All boxes are due at FBCA between November 15-22, 2021. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC.*

## ✦ Green Space Update

*The playground equipment for our green space arrived on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Assembly will take place soon. We’re grateful to be one step closer to completion of this capital campaign project.*

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