



The Worship of God ✠ October 17, 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

October 17, 2021 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Ordinary Time*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

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 AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry & Mr. Bennett Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Kari Pierce

O God of heaven and earth, of time and eternity, of all life and love and light,

we worship You.

For Your perfect beauty and holy majesty,

we praise You.

For Your unfathomable goodness and gracious mercy,

we thank You.

For Your creative wisdom and unassailable justice,

we lift up Your name.

We join with the saints of all times and places, with the angels and heavenly choirs,
and with all creation in singing Your glorious praise.

May You be honored and glorified by what we do in this place, in this hour.

For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.



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 4:9-11 Miss Peggy Springfield

In Pew Bible, page 292 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

SONG OF ASSURANCE *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* NEW BRITAIN

Chairo

Refrain & arr. Tomlin & Giglio



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Peggy Springfield

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 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 121

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 702 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

The Voice of Experience

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 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+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 Henry and Pat Byrd in honor of their grandchildren Alexander Owens, Elizabeth Owens, and Jacob Pridgen.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

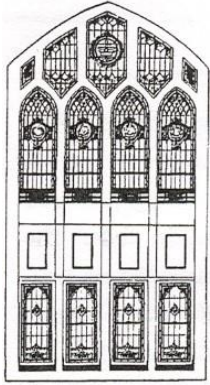
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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 17, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ 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: Judy H. Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Age 3 - K: Harriet & Avery Byrum

✦ 2022 Deacon Nominations - Today

This morning, 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*

✦ This Week's Schedule

Today, October 17th

9:15 AM - Chairo Rehearsal

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

2:00 PM - Chairo Music Ensemble

Monday, October 18th

3:00 PM - Staff Meeting

7:00 PM - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 19th

7:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th

10:00 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 - Christmas Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM - Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, October 8th

8:30 AM - Christian Women's Job Corps

✦ Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 24th 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 church goal is 100 boxes! 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.

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