



**Wait for the Lord  
from this time on  
and forever.**

**- Psalm 131:3**

**The Worship of God ✠ October 24, 2021 ✠ Ordinary Time**

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 24, 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 R. Gilliam III

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

Jenni Byrd & Sophia, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Timothy Frei

Holy God, You are deserving of the very best we have to offer —  
**the devotion of our hearts, the place of honor in our priorities,**  
**the first fruits of our labors.**  
We enter this place of worship, asking You to be in our midst,  
speaking Your message of love and mercy, conviction and challenge to us.  
**We welcome Your Spirit, knowing that in so doing,**  
**we abandon control and open ourselves in faith and trust**  
**to Your purposes and plan, rather than our own.**  
Come, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we pray,  
and may our worship be acceptable in Your sight.  
**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

Matthew 6:25-34

Mrs. Jayne Frei

In Pew Bible, pages 7 & 8 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*  
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Jack Schrader



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Frei

*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 131

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 705 & 706 of Old Testament

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

## SERMON

*Broken*

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 407

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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## +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 Jim & Dana Wiggins in memory of their parents, Bill & Ann Cullifer, and C.D. & Doris Wiggins.*

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

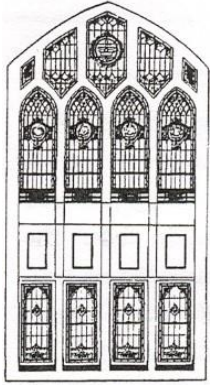
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

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 24, 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: Keith & Debbie Rawls*

*Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene*

*Age 3 - K: Josh, Jessica & Lily Ann Brinkley*

## ✦ Trunk or Treat is Today

*Children up to grade 5 are invited to join us for Trunk or Treat on our West & Church Streets parking lot at 6:00 PM. Trunk decorators are asked to begin getting in place at 5:30 PM.*

## ✦ 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*

## ✦ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to the family of Alice Coggin who passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Her funeral service was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Home, Ahoskie.*

## ✦ 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.*

## ✦ This Week's Schedule

### Today, October 24<sup>th</sup>

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship

5:30 PM - Trunk Decorators Get in Place

6:00 – 6:30 PM - Trunk or Treat

### Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Girl Scouts

### Wednesday, October 27<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 - Christmas Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM - Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM - Christian Women's Job Corps

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