

The Worship of God ✠ November 14, 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

November 14, 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

Dr. Linda Alexander & Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Elizabeth Craft

Loving God, we have much to be thankful for this day.
for this congregation growing and maturing in faith;
for children who help us clarify our beliefs and values;
for gifts of scripture and Spirit that prompt and enable our actions;
for a capacity to enjoy life and to savor service done in Christ's name;
for the willingness to face injustices with repentance and courage;
for our Savior, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 377

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

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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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Power to Redeem
Chairo

arr. Jay Rouse

You take what is and you make it beautiful.
When Love floods in we're resorted forever more.

*Refrain: With breath that brings the dead to life,
with words that pierce the dark with Light,
only by the blood are we set free.
With Mercy strong to carry shame and nail it to a tree,
You alone hold the power to redeem.*

No guilt competes with innocence crucified.
No grave can hold what your grace has justified. *(Refrain)*

So, rejoice, O child of God! Lift your eyes to see
with every morning light, again we are redeemed.



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

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 30

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 621 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When it Happens

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 366

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

+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.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker

Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

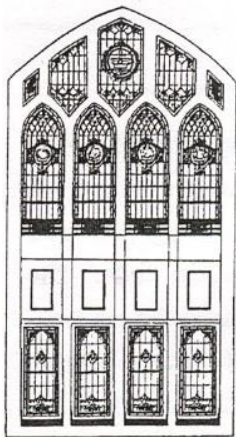
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Miss Bridget Deveney

Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 14, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Stuart & Sandra Pierce in remembrance of our family, and our grandson, Fletcher Pierce.

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

Babies: Joyce Leary & Kari Pierce

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

Age 3 - K: William & Heather Alexander

✠ 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.

ENCLOSED TRAILER NEEDED

Every year Lee and Melanie Byrum borrow a trailer to take the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to Elizabeth City, NC. This year the trailer will be needed from November 21-23. They will load up the trailer on the 21st and deliver the boxes after work on the 22nd. Because they will arrive home late, the trailer will be returned on the 23rd. If you have an enclosed trailer that you are willing to lend out, please contact Melanie at (252) 209-7744. Friendly reminder that all boxes are due at FBCA between November 15-21, 2021.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help receive shoeboxes at FBCA during the following drop off hours:

Tuesday, November 16th, 9 AM - 12 PM

Thursday, November 18th, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, November 20th, 10 AM - 12 PM

Please contact Melanie Byrum if you are willing to volunteer.

✦ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Tony Marra in the November 9, 2021 passing of his father, Anthony Marra. A funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 12 noon at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Ahoskie. We also offer our sympathy to Ronnie Todd in the November 5, 2021, passing of his father, Billy Ray Todd. A funeral was held on November 9, 2021.

✦ Save the Dates

◆ Sunday, November 21st – *Children's Sabbath*

Theme: *Short Stories—Tall Truths*

Our age 3 through grade 5 children will lead us in worship.

◆ Sunday, December 12th – *Christmas Cantata at 11:00 AM*

◆ Sunday, December 19th – *Christmas Cantata at 6:00 PM*

✦ This Week's Schedule

Today, November 14th

9:15 AM – Chairo Rehearsal

9:45 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

2:00 PM – Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal

Monday, November 15th

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting

5:45 PM – Girl Scouts

7:00 PM – Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, November 16th

7:00 PM – Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th

11:00 PM – Ahoskie Woman's 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

8:00 PM – Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, November 19th

8:30 AM – Christian Women's Job Corps

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