



# THE WINDOW

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## Preaching and Cooking

The preaching task shares some common ground with the cooking task. The preparation of a good meal for a flock of people takes considerable effort and time. The flock of people, for whom the meal is prepared, consumes the meal in a short period of time. If conversation is good, perhaps it takes a group 20 minutes to eat a meal consisting of salad, meat, sides, and dessert. If conversation lags, 10 minutes. Preaching is similar. The preparation of a sermon takes considerable effort and time. And, the sermon lasts, my sermons at least, anywhere from 20 minutes to 25 minutes. The nice thing about the preparation of a large meal is that, often, there are leftovers. And, sometimes, leftovers can last quite a while – perhaps up to a week.

It is a bit different with preaching. Usually, there are no leftovers. However, as we have just concluded a sermon series from the psalms, I can offer a review of the ground we have covered. Leftovers of sorts, I suppose. So here is a review of the psalms we have covered, with sermon title, in numerical order.

Psalm 8 – “The Next Step” – We are to embrace our responsibilities as rulers over God’s creation.

Psalm 30 – “When It Happens” – When God turns our mourning into dancing, we are to give thanks to God. We are not to gloat in our good fortune. Nor are we to feel guilty.

Psalm 98 – “Is it Time?” – We are challenged by the psalmist to sing a new song to God.

Psalm 100 – “I Still See It” – Our congregation, post-covid, can regain its momentum in route to becoming a vibrant worshipping community – entering His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Psalm 113 – “A Good Question” – Let’s stop living our lives as if anything other than God in Christ can fill our emptiness.

Psalm 116 – “Experiencing God” – The psalmist challenges us to seek more than an intellectual relationship with God. We are to pursue an experiential relationship with God.

Psalm 121 – “The Voice of Experience” – We are reassured that God is our keeper, that God does not slumber or sleep.

Psalm 130 – “A Lot of Forgiveness” – We are reminded that God does not count our sins. Rather, God forgives our sins.

Psalm 131 – “Broken” – We are challenged, after we have questioned God and yelled at God, to let go and trust God.

I have found this sermon series most helpful in my efforts to live the Christian life. I hope you have had a similar experience. Perhaps, as we prepare to move on from this sermon series into the Advent season, you will take some time to reread and reflect again upon these psalms. This is the closest I have to leftovers to offer you!

In Christ,  
Paul R. Gilliam III



## Worshiping Together

November 21, 2021

*Children’s Sabbath*

11:00 AM

*Short Stories–Tall Truths*

Parables of Jesus

The Children’s Ministry

## Children's Sabbath Sunday, November 21, 2021

In 2013 we held our first Children's Sabbath, a Sunday morning worship service lead almost entirely by our children. Having missed the opportunity in 2020 due to COVID-19, the children are thrilled to lead in worship this Sunday, November 21st for Children's Sabbath 2021.

This year's theme, "Short Stories—Tall Truths," has immersed them in the parables of Jesus. Therefore on Sunday, through song, word, and drama, the children will share the truths they are learning each week. Please remember them in these days leading to Sunday.

### Notes for Parents

At 9:15 am the grades 1-5 children will rehearse in the sanctuary. Between rehearsal and worship we'll offer a snack in their Sunday School room.

The age 3—kindergarten children will gather in their Sunday School room at 10:45 AM. Their leaders will escort them to the sanctuary for the beginning of worship, then take them back to their Sunday School room. Near the end of the worship service, this age group will return to the sanctuary to sing the closing song with the older children.

Dress for all children is their usual Sunday attire.

## Welcome New Members



On Sunday, November 14, 2021 we welcomed Miles Harrell and Victoria Polston into our church membership. We rejoice over these new church members and look forward to partnering with them in ministry.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Boxes are due at FBCHA by November 21, 2021.

## Annual Christmas Cantata



## Emmanuel—God with Us

Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 AM  
and  
Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 PM

## In Sympathy



We 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.

We also offer our sympathy to Tony Marra in the November 9, 2021, passing of his father, Anthony Marra. A funeral was held on Wednesday, November 17 at 12 noon at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Ahsokie.



## Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

November 25 - 26, 2021

## Stewardship Statement

October 14, 2021

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need               | \$ 8,755.72   |
| Weekly Offering           | \$ 7,849.87   |
| Difference                | \$ -905.85    |
| YTD Needs                 | \$ 402,763.12 |
| YTD Offerings             | \$ 390,842.15 |
| YTD Difference            | \$ -11,920.97 |
| Capital Campaign Offering | \$ 5,325.00   |
| Benevolence Offering      | \$ 0.00       |

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

# December 2021

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu       | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|--|---|-----------|--|--|
| <b>Sundays</b><br>• 9:45 AM<br>Sunday School<br>• 11 AM Worship<br>• 2 PM<br>Chair Music Ensemble | <b>Mondays</b><br>• 3 PM<br>Staff Mtg<br>• 5:45-6:45 PM<br>Girl Scouts Mtg |  | <b>1</b><br>• 10:30 AM<br>Garden Club<br>• 5 PM Children's Music & Missions<br>• 6 PM Youth Group (Gr. 6-12)<br>• 6 PM Adult Bible Study<br>• 7 PM Christmas Choir<br>• 8 PM Vocal Ensemble | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><b>Fridays</b><br>• 9 AM - 3 PM<br>Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)  | <b>4</b>   |
| <b>5</b><br><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i><br>• Communion<br>• 2 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>• 10 AM<br>WMU Group 2<br>• 10 AM<br>WMU Group 4 | <b>8</b><br>• 5 PM Children's Birthday Party for Jesus<br>• 6 PM Youth Group Grades 6-12<br>• 6 PM Adult Bible Study<br>• 7 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal                                  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>• 6:00 PM<br>Roland & Alexander Wedding Rehearsal   | <b>11</b><br><br><i>Roland &amp; Alexander Wedding</i><br>4:30 PM |
| <b>12</b><br><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i><br>• 11 AM<br>Christmas Cantata                        | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>• 12 PM Ahoskie Women's Club   | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>19</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i><br>• 6 PM<br>Christmas Cantata                        | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br><br><i>Christmas Eve</i><br>5 PM Service | <b>25</b><br><br><i>Christmas Day</i>                           |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>  |  |

## December Birthdays

|                  |                  |                  |                      |                     |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Tim Frei       | 4 Gayle Cross    | 8 Dempsey Pierce | 18 William Leary Sr. | 29 Charles Freeman  |
| 1 Nancy Outlaw   | 4 Barbara Earley | 9 Bland Baker    | 20 Linda Alexander   | 30 Bill Magette     |
| 2 Bea Harrison   | 5 Brad Hauser    | 9 Cecelia Bracy  | 20 Elizabeth Davis   | 31 Georgia Copeland |
| 2 John Jones     | 6 Lisa Outlaw    | 9 Lucy Pierce    | 21 Jordan Martin     |                     |
| 2 Eunice Sellers | 7 Jamie Burns    | 17 Don Joyner    | 22 Gracelyne Boswell |                     |
| 3 Chip Rose      | 8 Eddie Joyner   | 18 Judd Byrd     | 29 Jimmy Bracy       |                     |

If we have neglected to acknowledge a birthday, please let us know by calling the church office.

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of Nov. 21-27, 2021

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061  
anita@fbcahoskie.org

### Deacons on Call

Kari Pierce, 217-8017  
Chuck Revelle, 862-6322

### Childcare During Worship - November 21

Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Cheryl Slachta  
Ages 1 & 2: Jordan & Claire Harrell  
Ages 3-5: Avery & Harriet Byrum

### Ushers - November 21

Tim Frei, Gail Holloman, Jane Hollingsworth,  
Henry Joyner, Bill Magette, Perry Newbern

### Sound System Operator - November 21

Josh Brinkley

### Security Monitor - November 21

Brad Hauser

### Floral Offering - November 21

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - November 22

Millie & Jack Britt

### Food Pantry - November 26

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

## Week of Nov. 28 - Dec. 4, 2021

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III, 398-7321  
paulrgilliam@fbcahoskie.org

### Deacons on Call

Charles Hughes, 287-8403  
Betty Joyner, 398-6104

### Childcare During Worship - November 28

Babies: Debbie & Keith Rawls  
Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Green  
Ages 3-5: Jessica, Josh & Lily Ann Brinkley

### Ushers - November 28

Brad Hauser, Colby Hauser, Charles Hughes,  
Patricia Hughes, Camille Pierce, Pate Pierce

### Sound System Operator - November 28

Walt Pierce

### Security Monitor - November 28

Charles Hughes

### Floral Offering - November 28

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - November 29

Jayne Frei

### Food Pantry - December 3

Sandra Pierce