

SHORT STORIES, TALL TRUTHS

LIFE LESSONS from the PARABLES OF JESUS



The Worship of God ✕ November 21, 2021 ✕ Children's Sabbath

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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November 21, 2021 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Children's Sabbath*
Theme: *Short Stories – Tall Truths*

Greeting to Worshipers

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

Chiming of the Hour

Pastoral Sentences

Lily Ann Brinkley

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.**

Lighting of the Candles & Opening of the Bible

Graham Lawrence & Sarah Newbern, Acolytes

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Lily Ann Brinkley

We are here in God's house today to worship Him.
We are here to hear, or hear again, some of the stories of Jesus.
Help us, O Lord, to listen and learn.

Introit

Stories of Jesus

The Children Choristers & Music Friends

Words: Parker & Challinor,
Music: D. Allen & N. Allen

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here.
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*There's a story about a shepherd searching for his sheep.
 There's a story about a sower planting tiny seeds.
 I learn in the stories of Jesus how to be wise,
 And how to be a neighbor, loving and kind.*

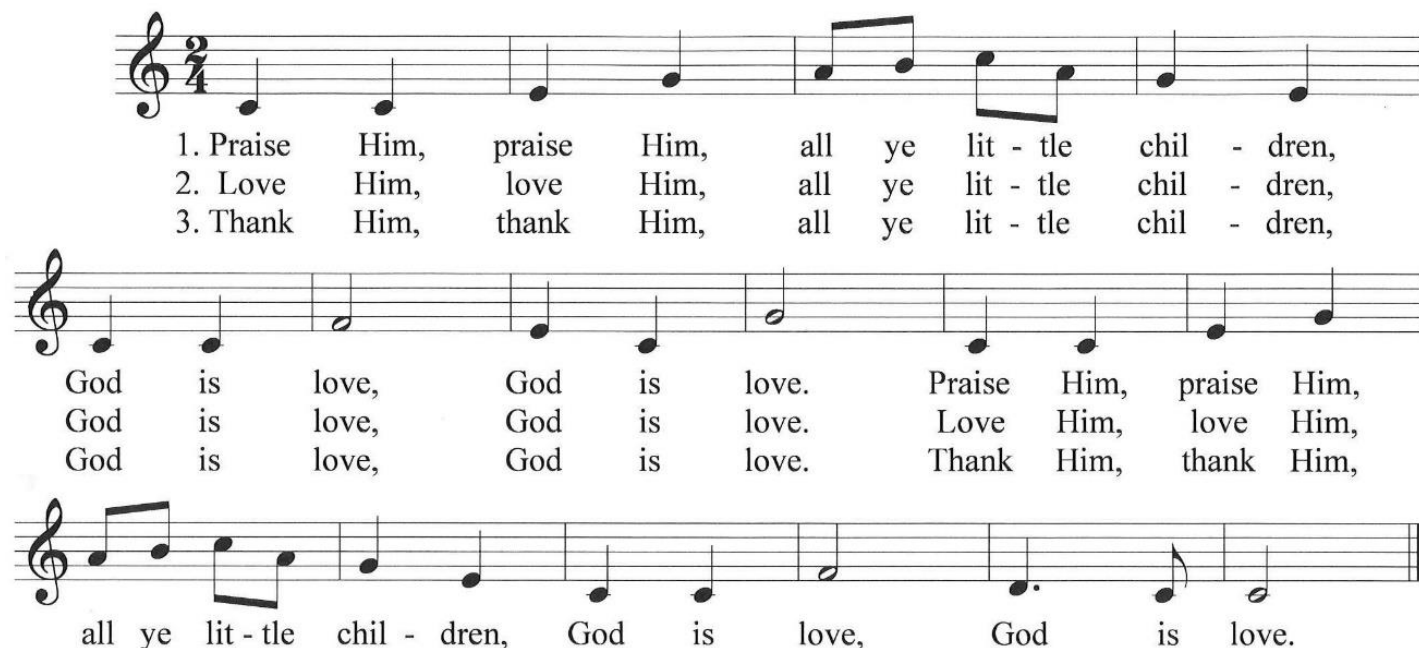
Prayer of Invocation

Graham Lawrence

+Hymn of Praise

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

BONNER



1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
 2. Love Him, love Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
 3. Thank Him, thank Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
 God is love, God is love. Praise Him, praise Him,
 God is love, God is love. Love Him, love Him,
 God is love, God is love. Thank Him, thank Him,
 all ye lit - tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love.



The Good Samaritan

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Perry Newbern & Henry Pierce

Though this is a short story, it teaches a tall truth.
 It's the Word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*Love the Lord with all of your heart.
Love the Lord with all of your soul.
Love the Lord with all of your mind and with all your strength.
Love all the neighbors you meet every day.
Be kind in everything you do and say.*

The Seed, the Soil, and the Sower

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

Perry Newbern

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Sung Prayer

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Sophia Byrd & Leslie Jernigan

Handt Hanson

*Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.*

*When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

The Lost Sheep & The Lost Coin

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-10

Henry Pierce

Though this is a short story, it teaches a tall truth.
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Thanks be to God.

+Hymn

God's Great Love Is So Amazing

CONVERSE

God's great love is so amazing!
See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing;
one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches
till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches
with the ones who've lost their way.

God in love is always seeking!
See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping
every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbor,
telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labor
till God's precious ones are found.



+Litany for the Offering

Gates Vaughan

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.



Invitation

Rev. Thompson

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 603

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

+Benediction

Dr. Gilliam

+Response

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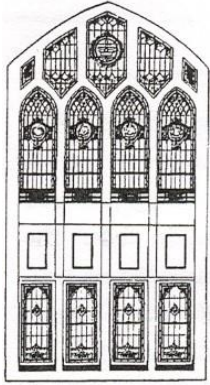
+Chimes of the Trinity

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.

Piano Postlude

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Worship Decorating Committee.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 21, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

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

Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Jordan & Claire Harrell

Age 3 - K: Harriet & Avery Byrum

✠ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The final hours for shoebox collection are between 4:00 and 7:30 PM today. Thank you, Melanie Byrum, for your faithful coordination of this annual ministry.

✠ 100th Birthday Celebration for Nancy Outlaw

You are invited to join in the celebration of Nancy's 100th birthday on Sunday, November 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to (252) 332-1071 by November 21.

✠ Christmas Cantata Presentations

- ♦ Sunday, December 12th – *Christmas Cantata at 11:00 AM*
- ♦ Sunday, December 19th – *Christmas Cantata at 6:00 PM*

✠ Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no afternoon or evening activities on Wednesday, November 24.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26.

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Children's Music & Missions

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Children's Music & Missions meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All children in the Roanoke-Chowan area (Age 3 to Grade 5) are always welcome.

Music & Mission Friends

Age 3 through Kindergarten

Abby Alexander	Wells Britton	Free Perry
Bryant Brinkley	Helen Chamblee	Lucy Pierce
Adalyn Britt	Mac Chamblee	Charlie Rascoe
Benjamin Britton	Pace Davis	Carson Rose
Corbet Britton	Boone Johnson	Miriam Villegas
Mollie Britton	Harper Knowles	Philip Villegas
	Peyton Outlaw	

Bridget Deveney, Leader

Avery Byrum, J.C. Doughtie, Jane Hollingsworth and Lisa Outlaw, Assistants

The Children Choristers & Children in Action

Grades 1-5

Avery-Grace	Mackenzie	Henry Pierce
Balltzglier	Knowles	Briar Rascoe
Brycen Balltzglier	Graham	Gates Vaughan
Lily Ann Brinkley	Lawrence	Katie Vaughan
Sophia Byrd	Perry Newbern	Milly Vaughan
Leslie Jernigan	Sarah Newbern	Worth Villegas
Grant Johnson	Bennett Pierce	
	Dempsey Pierce	
	Stuart Pierce	

Anita Thompson, Leader

Jayne Frei & Vicky Overman, Assistants

Our Ministry Team

Rev. Anita D. Thompson <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III <i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
Mr. W. Bland Baker <i>Music Associate/Pianist</i>		Miss Bridget Deveney <i>Music Associate/Organist</i>