



The Worship of God ✠ January 9, 2022 ✠ Epiphany Sunday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 9, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany Sunday*
Deacon Ordination

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.**

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Josh Brinkley & Lily Ann, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-3 Mr. Steven Hollingsworth

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Hollingsworth

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

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.

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DEACON ORDINATION

Mrs. Penny Rose, Deacon Chair

Lee Taylor Rose Stuart Pierce Walt Pierce

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee,
and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Jane Hollingsworth

*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:

God of light and promise,
we bring our gifts to further Your work in a world filled with darkness.
May they bring Your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness.
Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves.
Let them shine brightly, drawing all to Your light and love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

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.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary. Amen.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:17

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 246 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Whatever

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 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

+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.

POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Carroll Thompson and Anita Thompson, to the glory of God, and in memory of Ella Thompson whose birth date was January 13, 1937.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

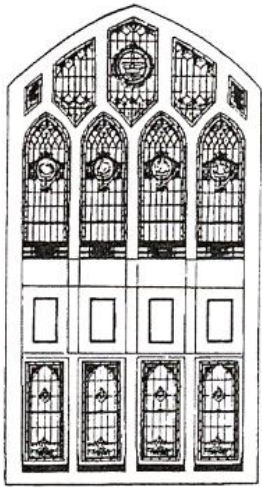
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

January 9, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

♦ As part of our worship experience this morning, we will ordain three new deacons to serve among us. Lee Taylor Rose, Stuart Pierce, and Walt Pierce have accepted the congregation's call to serve a three-year term in our diaconate beginning January 1, 2022. Serving alongside them during this three-year period are Nancy Freeman and Eley Whitehead who were previously ordained to deacon ministry.

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

Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Joyce Leary

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

Age 3 – Kindergarten: William & Heather Alexander

✦ Children & Youth Wednesday Activities Resume January 12th

♦ Grades 6 - 12 meet at 6:00 PM in the FBCA Annex, 325 Main St. W.

Their leaders are Jamie Burns and Lou Ann Gilliam.

♦ Grades 1 - 5 meet at 5:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Their leaders are Jayne Frei, Vicky Overman, and Anita Thompson.

♦ Age 3 - Kindergarten meet at 5:00 PM in Room 105.

Their leaders are Avery Byrum, Bridget Deveney, J. C. Doughtie, Jane Hollingsworth, and Lisa Outlaw.

✦ Adult Bible Study & Soup Supper

How Did We Get Our Bible(s)?

Month of January | Wednesdays at 6 PM | In the Fellowship Hall

Have you ever wondered why the Gospel of Matthew is in the Bible but not the Gospel of Thomas? Why do Protestants, Catholics, and Greek Orthodox have different Bibles? We will discuss these and other issues.

If you plan to be present on January 12, 2022 for Part 2 of our study, please sign up on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor hallway, or call the church office (252-332-4003). Coffee, crackers, and various flavors of soup will be served! Come join us!

✠ Altar Flowers for Worship

The 2022 Altar Flower Schedule is in the process of being prepared. There are a few open dates available to place flowers in our sanctuary for worship services. Flowers may be provided in memory of or in honor of a loved one or may mark any special accomplishment or milestone. Perhaps you may just want to take an open date for no specific reason. The following dates are available at this time:

March 6 | July 24 | October 30

If you would like to reserve one of the open dates, please call the church office to let us know what date you desire.

✠ This Week's Calendar

Today, January 9th

9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship
2:00 PM	Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>

Monday, January 10th

3:00 PM	Staff Meeting
5:45 PM	Girl Scouts Troop
6:30 PM	Missions Committee, <i>Library</i>

Tuesday, January 11th

4:00 PM	Christian Women's Job Corps Board Meeting
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Wednesday, January 12th

5:00 PM	Children's Music & Missions Age 3 - Kindergarten, <i>Room 105</i> Grades 1 - 5, <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 PM	Youth Group (Grades 6 - 12), <i>FBCA Annex</i>
6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, January 14th

8:30 AM	Christian Women's Job Corps
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