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The Worship of God ✠ January 23, 2022 ✠ The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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 23, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

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 & Miss Madison Alexander, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ms. Vicky Overman

God of light and consolation,
we come to You in need of Your illumination.
God of mercy and compassion,
we come to You in need of Your grace.
God of promise and fulfillment,
we come to You in need of Your assurance and steadfast love.
Shine in our hearts today, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit,
so we may reflect Your light into the world, in the way of Christ and in His name.
Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 27:1-11a

Dr. Linda Alexander

In Pew Bible, pages 619 & 620 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SUNG PRAYER

The Journey

R. Courtney & C. Clawson

Anita Thompson, Soloist

*Give me the heart to be pure,
Give me the faith to be sure,
Give me the strength to endure all of my tribulations.*



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Alexander

*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.

Accept our 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

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.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 233 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

There He Goes Again

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 278 *We Are Travelers on a Journey* BEACH SPRING

+BENEDICTION

+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 Gene & Jo Ann Herring to the glory of God and in honor of their great nieces, Allie Byrum & Avery Byrum.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker

Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

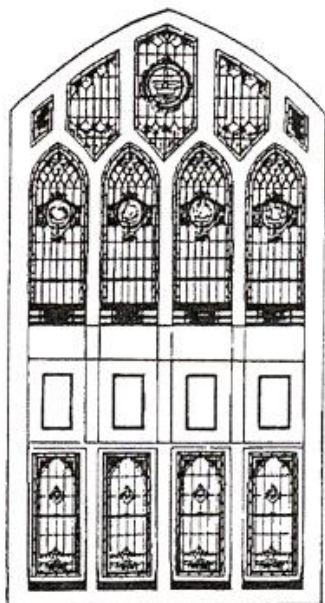
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Miss Bridget Deveney

Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 23, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

We continue our journey through the season of Epiphany which concludes with Transfiguration Sunday on February 27th. The following Wednesday, March 2nd, the Season of Lent begins as we gather for Ash Wednesday worship.

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

<i>Babies:</i>	<i>Keith & Debbie Rawls</i>
<i>Ages 1 & 2:</i>	<i>Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene</i>
<i>Age 3 – Kindergarten:</i>	<i>Josh, Jessica, & Lily Ann Brinkley</i>

✠ 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 26, 2022 for Part 4 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

October 30th is available on the 2022 Altar Flower Schedule. Flowers may be provided in our sanctuary for worship services in memory of or in honor of a loved one or may mark any special accomplishment or milestone. If you would like to reserve October 30th, please call the church office.

✦ Global Missions Offering

100% of your gifts to the annual Global Missions Offering supports the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving in the United States and around the world. If you would like to know more about CBF's mission work, you are invited to pick up a copy of Prayers of the People 2021-2022 which may be found near the sanctuary entrances.

✦ Phone Notifications

In the event that we need to make a churchwide announcement, like we did the morning of January 16th when church activities were canceled due to inclement weather, we use a system called "One Call Now." The church's phone number, (252) 332-4003 should show up as the caller ID. If you would like to be added to the call list, please call the church office.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, January 23rd

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Room

Monday, January 24th

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Girl Scouts Troop

Wednesday, January 26th

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

Friday, January 28th

- 8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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