

The Worship of God ✠ February 6, 2022 ✠ The 5th 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

February 6, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 5th 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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Kari Pierce

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune our hearts to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach us some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount!
We're fixed upon it! Mount of Thy redeeming love.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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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.

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

INTROIT

I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus
The Vocal Ensemble

Music: Craig Courtney
Words: Fanny Crosby

*I'll sing the praise of Jesus who bore the cross for me.
His wondrous love, so precious, my constant theme shall be.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise Him when safe within the veil.*

*I'll sing His praise at morning and in the noonday bright.
I'll sing His praise at evening and in the hush of night.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise Him when safe within the veil.*

*I'll sing the praise of Jesus on whom my hopes depend,
My everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise Him when safe within the veil.*



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Woodard

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 Romans 12:3-8

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 196 & 197 of New Testament

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SERMON

You Have a Place

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.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

HOLY MANNA

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You;
plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side;
equal partners in the struggle, as we, in Christ's love, abide.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

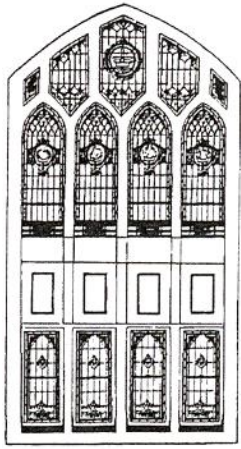
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 6, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ruth Ward.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In preparation, please pick up a disposable communion cup at one of the sanctuary entrances.

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

Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Bill & Debbie Magette

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Will & Landis Chamblee

✦ Adult Bible Study & Soup Supper

The Other Gospels

Begins February 16, 2022 | Wednesdays at 6 PM | In the Fellowship Hall

Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served along with dessert, coffee, and water. Come join us!

✦ Celebrate Life—50th Anniversary

In 1972, the Christian folk musical, Celebrate Life, premiered at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta, New Mexico. Shortly thereafter the musical was being presented by churches all across the country.

Since 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the musical, we are planning to present it again at FBCA. Though a presentation date has not been pinned down, we're looking at May 15 or 22. In addition to the full presentation, we will sing some of the songs throughout Holy Week.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, February 9th, and Sunday, February 13th. The Wednesday rehearsals are from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and the Sunday rehearsals are from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM. Whether you've never sung Celebrate Life, or have sung it numerous times, you're invited to sing it at FBCA in recognition of its 50th anniversary. For more information, contact Rev. Thompson.

✦ Mailed Newsletter Info

Beginning in February 2022, The Window will be mailed on the second Wednesday of each month, instead of the third. If there is information you would like published in our weekly newsletter, please call the church office by noon on Monday.

✦ Radio Station Broadcast Update

Recently, we learned that our Sunday morning worship service will no longer air on radio station 99.3, The Bull. We are pleased to share that our worship services will now air on 98.3, The Earl WDLZ, each Sunday at 9 AM on a one-week delay. For example, today's worship service will air on February 13, 2022.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, February 6th

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

Monday, February 7th

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

Wednesday, February 9th

- 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*
- 7:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, February 10th

- 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Friday, February 11th

- 8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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