



If possible,
so far as it depends on you,
be at **PEACE** with all people.

— Romans 12:18 NASB

The Worship of God ✠ February 13, 2022 ✠ The 6th 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 13, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 6th Sunday after Epiphany*

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.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry Pierce & Mr. Bennett Pierce, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 34:1-3 Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

In Pew Bible, page 625 of New Testament

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

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord
Chairo

Kenyan, Source Unknown

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Umphlett

+HYMN OF PRAISE 350 *Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

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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.**



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Ashlee' Perry

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 12:9-21

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 197 of New Testament

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

If Possible

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 290 *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

O WALY, WALY

+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.

*Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God by Trey, Harriet, and Avery Byrum.
Happy Valentine's Day!*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

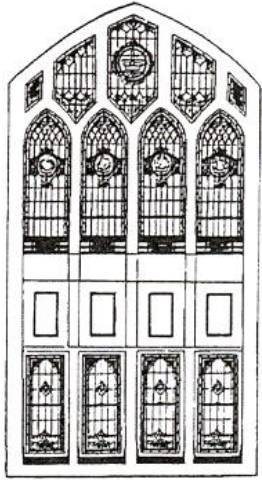
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

February 13, 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:

Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Joyce Leary

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

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Heather & William Alexander

✠ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Bess Leary in the February 9th passing of her husband, William Leary Sr. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary yesterday. Please continue to hold Bess in prayer as well as family members and friends.

✠ Adult Bible Study & Soup Supper

The Other Gospels

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

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

✠ Anniversary of Pastor

February 12th marked the 5-year anniversary of Paul Gilliam's ministry among us as pastor. Thank you, Paul, for five years of faithful and dedicated leadership of our church! Congratulations!

✠ Bracy Scholarship Applications for College Students

FBCA members who will be college students during the 2022-2023 academic year are encouraged to apply for the James Wilton "Wig" & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office or will be mailed to homes upon request. Please contact Jessica Pyle in the main church office if you would like an application. Completed applications are due in the church office on April 15, 2022.

✦ Children's Choirs Sing for Worship | February 20th

◆Children Choristers

Grades 1-5 | 9:15 AM Rehearsal | Dress is regular Sunday clothes.

◆Music Friends

Age 3 - Kindergarten | 10:30 AM Gather in Room 105 | Dress is regular Sunday clothes.

✦ Radio Station Broadcast Update

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 20, 2022.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, February 13th

9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship
2:00 PM	Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
3:00 PM	<i>Celebrate Life</i> Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>

Monday, February 14th

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

Tuesday, February 15th

7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
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Wednesday, February 16th

12:00 PM	Ahoskie Woman's Club
5:00 PM	Children's Music & Missions ◆Age 3 - Kindergarten, Room 105 ◆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, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7:00 PM	<i>Celebrate Life</i> Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
8:00 PM	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>

Friday, February 18th

8:30 AM	Christian Women's Job Corps
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