

*We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*



*We are God's loved ones,  
the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it,  
the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return  
The gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.*

*We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family,  
Diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall His work on earth be done. - Bryan Jeffery Leech*

**The Worship of God ✠ February 20, 2022 ✠ The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## **THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 20, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Miss Madison Alexander & Mr. Briar Rascoe, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *This is the Day*

The Children Choristers

Words & Music: Betty Woodward

Psalm 118:24

In Pew Bible, page 695 of New Testament

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Gates Vaughan

+HYMN OF PRAISE 323 *How Great Thou Art*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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## CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

*Our God*  
The Music Friends

Rev. Thompson  
Words & Music: Claire Russell

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 Sophia Byrd

*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 Ephesians 4:25-32

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 237 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*Family Engagement*

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 255 *We Are God's People*

SYMPHONY

+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 by Duck & Jerri Harrell to the glory of God and in memory of Sandra Outlaw Meyers, daughter of Nancy Outlaw.*

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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

*Associate Pastor*

Mr. W. Bland Baker

*Music Associate/Pianist*

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

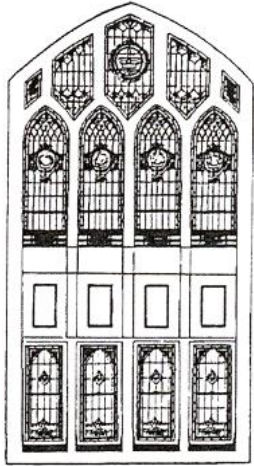
*Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

*Pastor Emeritus*

Miss Bridget Deveney

*Music Associate/Organist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 20, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

*We continue our journey through the season of Epiphany which concludes with Transfiguration Sunday on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The following Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: Judy H. Pierce & Cheryl Slachta*

*Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton*

*Age 3 – Kindergarten: Harriet & Avery Byrum*

## ✠ Adult Bible Study & Soup Supper

*The Other Gospels: The Gospel of Thomas*

*Wednesdays at 6 PM | In the Fellowship Hall*

*Come join us!*

## ✠ Woman's Missionary Union

**Associational Mission Project**

*Our Associational WMU Mission Project will benefit Alzheimer's patients at Ahoskie House.*

*Items needed are:*

- ◆ Shampoo (No Conditioner)
- ◆ Socks (Some Diabetic and loose tops)
- ◆ Bar Soap (Dial Preferred)
- ◆ Crayons (No coloring books)
- ◆ Deodorant

**Churchwide Mission Project for CWJC North Street House**

*Our WMU Churchwide Mission Project is for the Christian Women's Job Corps North Street House. Items needed are:*

- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Washing Powder
- ◆ Bath Soap
- ◆ Toilet Tissue
- ◆ Dish Washing Detergent
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Shampoo (No Conditioner)
- ◆ Baby Lotion

*Please place your donations in the designated box near the West St. entrance. Items are due by Sunday, March 6, 2022.*

## ✦ Welcome New Members

*On Sunday, February 13, 2022, we welcomed three new members into our church family. Henry Pierce is the ten-year-old son of Brent and Kari Pierce, and brother of Bennett and Lucy. Brittany Smith, a CWJC participant, has been worshiping with us for several months. She and her nine-year-old daughter, Adrianna, decided that FBCA will be their church home. Brittany has a preschool age son named Sebastian. Henry, Brittany, and Adrianna will be baptized soon.*

## ✦ Celebrate Life – The Musical’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*The date has been set. We will present Celebrate Life on Saturday evening, May 14, 2022 and Sunday afternoon, May 15, 2022. Rehearsals are provided two times each week: Sundays at 3:00 PM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. You may choose one rehearsal or attend both. More details coming soon.*

## ✦ This Week’s Calendar

### Today, February 20<sup>th</sup>

- 9:45 AM      Sunday School
- 11:00 AM     Worship
- 2:00 PM      Chair Music Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 3:00 PM      Celebrate Life Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 AM      Christian Women’s Job Corps

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