

*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 27, 2022 ✠ Transfiguration of the Lord**

## **THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 27, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Transfiguration of the Lord*

*Transfiguration Sunday is the final and climactic Sunday in the Epiphany season. On this Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain where Peter, John and James watched in amazement as the radiant Jesus spoke with the glorified Moses and Elijah. Jesus' identity as Son of God is revealed unmistakably when the Father physically glorifies Jesus and then announces, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!" And so, as we commemorate the glory and brilliance of our transfigured Lord, we are compelled to claim and proclaim Him Savior and Lord, and follow wherever He leads.*

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

Mrs. Kay Byrd & Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

+TRANSFIGURATION LITANY

Ms. Jenni Byrd

In the house where the magi found the Christ Child,  
**the miracle of the birth of the Messiah was revealed.**

By the banks of the river Jordan where Jesus was baptized,  
**the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
and God's voice proclaimed, "You are my Son."**

To a group of fisherman Jesus offered a new way of life, a new way of fishing.  
**They would "fish" for people, and bring them into the Kingdom.**

In the quiet places, Jesus found rest and communion with his Father  
**and He revealed to us the need to do the same.**

It was on a mountaintop that the glory of Christ shone bright as the sun.  
**And the light within Him fills our hearts, is reflected on our faces,  
and compels us to serve the world in His name.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

*Shine Jesus, Shine*

SHINE

Stanza 1: Soloist; the congregation will join in on the refrain.

Stanza 2 & 3: All



CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-35

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

Mr. Scott Outlaw

*You are invited to place your offering in an offering plate 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.



EPISTLE 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 to the glory of God in memory of Betty Rose Duke by Woody & Kay Vinson.*

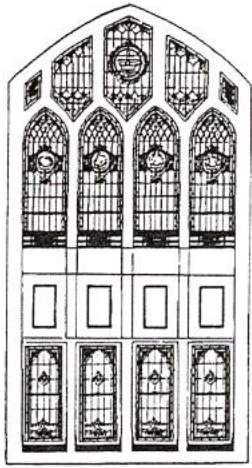
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 27, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

*Today we complete our journey through the season of Epiphany with observance of Transfiguration Sunday. This 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: Debbie & Keith Rawls*  
*Ages 1 & 2: George Copeland & Debbie Greene*  
*Age 3 – Kindergarten: Josh, Jessica & Lily Ann Brinkley*

## ✠ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to the family of Barbara Martin who passed away on February 21, 2022. A graveside service was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>.*

## ✠ 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.*

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

*The dates have 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.*

## ✦ **Ash Wednesday Meal & Worship – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. We will gather for a meal then move to the sanctuary for traditional Ash Wednesday worship, which includes a time of confession and the imposition of ashes. The schedule for the evening may be found below.*

## ✦ **This Week’s Calendar**

### **Today, February 27<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 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 AM      Women on Mission Groups 2 & 4

### **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 10:30 AM      Ahoskie Garden Club, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4:00 PM      Junior Garden Club
- 5:00 PM      Children’s Music & Missions
  - ◆ Age 3 - Kindergarten, Room 105    ◆ Grades 1 - 5, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 PM      Churchwide Meal, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:45 PM      Ash Wednesday Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 PM      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
- 8:00 PM      Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, *Choir Room*

### **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM      Christian Women’s Job Corps

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