



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 6, 2022 ✦ The First Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 6, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS  
III

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam

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

LITANY OF PRAISE

Mr. Charles Hughes

From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

**That was manna, the bread from heaven!**

From God comes Jesus Christ, the Eternal Bread that sustains our lives.

**Christ is the Bread of Life!**

Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts.

**Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God has done for us.**

INTROIT

*Holy Manna*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Setting by Joel Raney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Hughes

+HYMN OF PRAISE 335 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* HYFRYDOL

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51:1-2, 10

Mr. Jack Britt

In Pew Bible, page 640 of Old Testament

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hymn 576

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Stanza 1

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Britt

We are the receivers . . . receivers of love, receivers of grace, receivers of Jesus.

We are the givers . . . following God's call, following our hearts, following Jesus.

**We give these offerings, O Lord, for the work of Your kingdom,  
with humble thanks for mercies received. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 1:12-17

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 277 of New Testament

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

SERMON

*How Temptation Works*

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.*

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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.

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## 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 491 *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

FALLS CREEK

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+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 Beth Hassell Northcott in honor of the 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of her parents, Butch & Sandra Hassell. Happy Anniversary!*

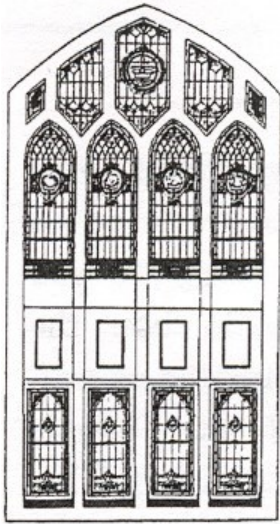
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

March 6, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

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

Babies: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Bill & Debbie Magette

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Will & Landis Chamblee

## ✠ Children's Mission Project

*Children are encouraged to collect aluminum pop tabs from any container (soda can, soup can, pet food, etc.) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, NC. The leadership of Ronald McDonald House takes the pop tabs to a local recycler to turn them into money to provide for the families who stay in the house. The Ronald McDonald House program helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child. A collection box is located in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway. Let's gift the RMH with a boatload of pop tabs by the March 21, 2022 deadline.*

## ✠ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to Nancy Perry and family in the March 3<sup>rd</sup> passing of her husband, Mike Perry. Plans for a memorial service are forthcoming.*

## ✠ A Celebration of Baptism – March 13<sup>th</sup>

*Next Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have the great joy of baptizing Henry Pierce, son of Brent and Kari Pierce; and Brittany Smith and her daughter, Adrianna.*

## ✠ Woman's Missionary Union

### Associational Mission Project – Due Today

*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 – Due Today**  
*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.*

## ✦ This Week's Calendar

### Today, March 6<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, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 PM      Christian Women's Job Corps Board Meeting

### Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 PM      Children's Music & Missions
  - ♦ Age 3 - Kindergarten, Room 105   ♦ Grades 1 - 5, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 PM      Adult Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:45 PM      Youth Group Gathering (Grades 6-12), *FBC Annex*
- 7:00 PM      Celebrate Life Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
- 7:40 PM      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
- 8:00 PM      Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, *Choir Room*

### Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 AM      Christian Women's Job Corps

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