



SECOND SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 13, 2022 ✠ The Second Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 13, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

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.**

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Henry Pierce, Brittany Smith & Adrianna Smith

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT

*To this Altar*

Ken Medema

The Vocal Ensemble

To this altar we are bringing  
...all the scattered bits and pieces.  
...all the strife that never ceases.  
...all the joy and all the gladness.  
...all the hurt and all the madness.  
...all the work along the journey.  
...days of dreams and nights of yearning.  
God of grace and God of glory, see our tears and hear our story.  
From this altar let us rise knowing once again we are Your very own.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 19:7-8

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, page 614 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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## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thompson & Dr. Gilliam

Child Dedication

Virginia Beale Davis

June 8, 2021

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## CHILDREN'S 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.**

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Conboy

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.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 2:1-13

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 278 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*Overlooked People*

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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## 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 395

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCOTT

## +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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ollie and Hannah Brown, by their children, Debbie, David, Anna Bess, and Sam, and their families.*

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## 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

# CHILD DEDICATION

**Virginia Beale Davis**

June 8, 2021

Daughter of David & Elizabeth Davis, sister of Pace

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Gilliam

Dedication Scripture

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* - John 10:10 (NRSV)

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

David and Elizabeth, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

*We do.*

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

*We do.*

Do you dedicate Virginia to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your daughter in the Christian faith; bringing her to church, leading her in prayer, and reading to her the scriptures, in order that she may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

*We do.*

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture Virginia in the Christian faith so that she may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

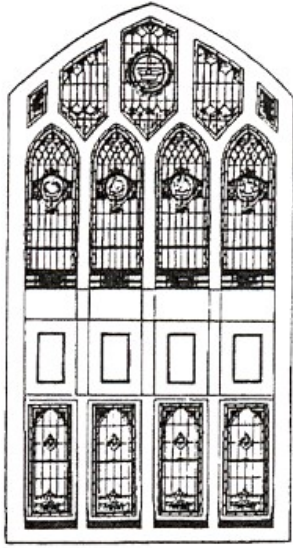
*We do.*

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Thompson



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 13, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

■ On this Second Sunday in Lent, we rejoice over the baptisms of Henry Pierce, Adrianna Smith & Brittany Smith. Henry is the 10-year-old son of Brent & Kari Pierce. Brittany & Adrianna (age 10) are mother & daughter. We are also rejoicing over today's dedication of Virginia Beale Davis, daughter of David & Elizabeth Davis. Virginia was born on June 8, 2021.

■ We welcome Michael Cherup as our guest organist today while Bridget Deveney is away. Michael is an organ student at East Carolina University.

■ 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 & Leah Woodard

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Willian & Heather Alexander

## ✦ 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.

## ✦ Retirement Breakfast for Bland Baker

April 3, 2022 | 9 AM | Fellowship Hall

For 27 years Bland has faithfully served God and our church as Pianist. His last Sunday in this role will be Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. One way we'd like to offer our thanks to Bland is through a churchwide breakfast. Let's gather on April 3rd to offer Bland our thanks for his fine and faithful ministry among us.

## ✦ American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBCA

March 31, 2022 | 1 PM—6 PM | FBCA Fellowship Hall

## ✦ Scholarship Applications

... for the James Wilton “Wig” & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship and the Oscar Creech Scholarship are available for FBCA members who meet specified qualifications. Applications are due by April 15, 2022. For more information, please contact the church office.

## ✦ This Week’s Calendar

### Today, March 13<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*
- 4:00 PM Children’s Ministry Council, *Room 103*

### Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

### Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 PM Deacons’ Meeting

### Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 PM Ahoskie Woman’s Club, *Fellowship Hall*
- 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*

### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

*Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina*

### Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 AM Christian Women’s Job Corps

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