



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 20, 2022 ✠ The 3rd Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 20, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 3rd Sunday in Lent*

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 Brittany Smith, Miss Adrianna Smith, & Mr. Sebastian Smith, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Liza Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

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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 28:1-2

Miss Debbie Greene

In Pew Bible, page 620 of Old Testament

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

ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You
The Sanctuary Choir

Jay Althouse

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You; no other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone, where then, shall I go? Oh, Lord.
Lord I give my soul to You; I seek Your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from You above.*

*Lord, I ask You: Give me faith and help me understand
And, Lord when I this life shall leave, just hold me in Your hand.
Lord I stretch my hands to You; no other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Oh, Lord, I stretch my hands to You. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hymn 576

I Stand Amazed in the Presence
Stanza 1

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Greene

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 3:13-18

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 279-280 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Easter Preparations

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 493

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

+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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Scott & Lisa Outlaw, to the glory of God, and in memory of Sandra Kaye Outlaw Meyers.

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 MEMORIAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Celebrating the Life of

Sandra Kaye Outlaw Meyers

May 20, 1948 - January 9, 2022



March 20, 2022 ✦ 12:15 PM
First Baptist Church of Ahsokie

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. Ann Crawford Taylor

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Anita Thompson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

It Is Well with My Soul

Vicky Overman, Soloist

Words: Horatio G. Spafford

Music: Philip P. Bliss

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Gilliam

+PSALM OF VICTORY

Psalm 23

Rev. Thompson

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PIANO POSTLUDE

In Memoriam



Sandra Kaye Outlaw Meyers, age 73, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022, near her home in Hampton, Georgia.

Sandra was born in Ahoskie, NC, and leaves behind her beautiful 100-year-old mother, Nancy Lowe Outlaw, and her baby brother, Scott (Lisa) Outlaw in her hometown. She is survived by her son, Matthew (Liz) Meyers, and two grandsons, Tyler and Austin. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews.

Born May 20, 1948, Sandra was baptized on May 11, 1958, by the congregation of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. She graduated from Ahoskie High School in 1966.

Sandra moved to the Atlanta suburbs to be near her sister and family in her early adulthood. She faithfully served the Cities of Riverdale and Jonesboro in positions of financial officer and city clerk for the years that followed.

Sandra would often be seen curled up with a good book or cooking for her family. She always could be counted on to have a loved one's back, no matter the cost. She was a member of Church of God in Griffin, Georgia.