



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 27, 2022 ✠ The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 27, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Kathryn Outlaw

PRAYER ANTHEM

*Power to Redeem*  
Chairo

arr. Jay Althouse

*You take what is and You make it beautiful. When Love floods in we're restored forevermore.*

*Refrain: With breath that brings the dead to life,  
with words that pierce the dark with Light,  
only by the blood are we set free.  
With mercy strong to carry shame and nail it to a tree,  
You alone hold the power to redeem.*

*No guilt competes with innocence crucified. No grave can hold what Your grace has justified.*

*So, rejoice, O child of God! Lift your eyes to see with every morning light, again we are redeemed.*

+HYMN OF PRAISE 575

*Redeemed*

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

Child Dedication

Rev. Thompson & Dr. Gilliam

Waylon Wood Outlaw

August 12, 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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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 141:1-3

Miss Outlaw

In Pew Bible, page 711 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. Brian Outlaw

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 4:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 280 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

## *Successful Christian Living*

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 383

*Near to the Heart of God*

MCAFEE

## +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 to the glory of God in memory of Bobby Cross by his wife, Gayle Cross, and family.*

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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

## Waylon Wood Outlaw

August 12, 2021

Son of Brian & Victoria Outlaw, brother of Peyton

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Gilliam

Dedication Scripture

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

- Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Brian & Victoria, 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 Waylon to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your son in the Christian faith; bringing him to church, leading him in prayer, and reading to him the scriptures, in order that he 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 Waylon in the Christian faith so that he may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

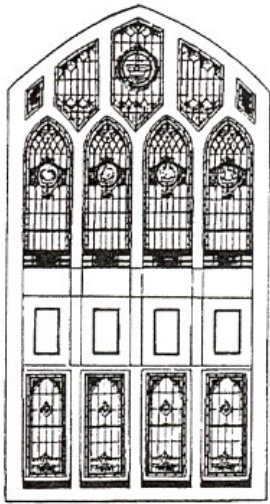
*We do.*

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Thompson



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 27, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

■ On this Fourth Sunday in Lent, we continue our journey toward the cross. We are just two weeks away from Holy Week, the time when we gather for worship on Palm Sunday (April 10), Maundy Thursday (April 14), Good Friday (April 15), and Easter Sunday (April 17).

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

Babies: Debbie & Keith Rawls  
Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene  
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Jessica, Josh, & Lily Ann Brinkley

## ✦ American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBCA

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

## ✦ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to offer Bland our thanks for his fine and faithful ministry among us.

## ✦ Scholarship Applications – Due April 15<sup>th</sup>

... 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.

## ✦ Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022 | 10:00 AM

On the Saturday before Easter, children up to grade 5 are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We'll gather at the home of Stuart & Sandra Pierce, 107 DT Road, Ahoskie. If you'd like to contribute candy, please place a bag of individually wrapped candy in the designated basket in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway.

## ✦ Children's Ministry- Summer 2022

### ▪Vacation Bible School

*The date has been set. We will be holding Vacation Bible School, Monday through Thursday, July 25 - 28. Children age 3 (by 8-31-19) through completed grade 5 are invited to participate. Details are coming soon.*

### ▪Passport Kids Camp

June 27 – 30 | Monday – Thursday | Converse College | Spartanburg, SC

*For students who are in grades 3-5 for the 2021-2022 school year.*

## ✦ This Week's Calendar

### Today, March 27<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 AM Chairo Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
- 2:45 PM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal, *Choir Room*

### Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4:00 PM Junior Garden Club, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions
  - ◆Age 3 - Kindergarten, Room 105 ◆Grades 1 - 5, *Choir Room*
- 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, April 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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