

FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ April 3, 2022 ✦ The 5th 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

April 3, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 5th 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

Mr. Dempsey & Miss Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Don Joyner

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

Great is the Lord
The Sanctuary Choir

Jay Althouse

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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 Isaiah 55:6-9

Mr. Joyner

In Pew Bible, pages 838-839 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

All Stanzas



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Noreen Hannon

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,

and 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 5:7-11

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 281 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rest Assured

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 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

+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.

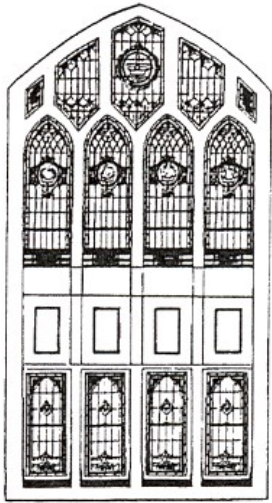
Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry W. "Pete" & Lucille W. Whitley, Harry W. Whitley Jr., and Wingate G. & Helen M. Joyner by Don, LuAnn, Win & Elizabeth Joyner.

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

April 3, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

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

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

Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Bill & Debbie Magette

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✦ Staff Anniversary

Today marks the 4th anniversary of Selton Vaughan's ministry among us as Greeter and Security Monitor. Thank you, Selton, for your good and faithful service.

✦ Scholarship Applications – Due April 15th

... 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 1st floor hallway.

✦ Youth Ministry- Summer 2022

▪ Passport Youth Camp

June 13 – 17 | Monday – Friday | Greensboro College | Greensboro, NC

Jamie Burns and Lou Ann Gilliam, Youth Ministry coordinators, will have more information soon.

✠ Holy Week 2022



◆ Sunday, April 10th

11:00 AM Worship Service

We will gather to remember the beginning of Christ's last week before His crucifixion.

We will offer our praise to the Christ, who rode to Jerusalem on the back of a donkey while followers waved branches and shouted, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"



◆ Thursday, April 14th

6:00 PM Meal

6:45 PM Worship Service

We will gather to remember the night Jesus met in the upper room with His disciples. It was the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper.



◆ Friday, April 15th

7:00 PM Worship Service

We will gather to remember the night Jesus was betrayed by one of His own and arrested and crucified for crimes He did not commit.



◆ Sunday, April 17th

11:00 AM Worship Service

We will gather to celebrate the risen Savior!

✠ Children's Ministry- Summer 2022

▪ Vacation Bible School

The date has been set. We will hold 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.

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