



The Worship of God ✦ April 10, 2022 ✦ Palm Sunday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 10, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Palm Sunday*

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

*Meditation on ELLACOMBE*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Erica Mock, Acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Austine Evans

INTROIT

*Processional*

Beryl Red

The *Celebrate Life* Choir and the Children Choristers

*Prepare a way for the Lord! Clear a straight path for Him!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Evans

+HYMN OF PRAISE 175 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

*During the singing of this hymn, the children will process around the sanctuary while waving their palm branches.*

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## CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

*Here Comes Jesus*

Carol Huffman Dickerson

Music Friends – Age 3-K

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 118:1, 26-29

Mr. Chuck Revelle

In Pew Bible, pages 694-696 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 172

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

Stanza 3

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Revelle

As we reflect on Jesus' triumphant ride

from the Mount of Olives into the city of Jerusalem,

we proclaim with both tongue and tithe,

**"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."**

Receive, we pray, O God, the offerings of our hearts, monies, and lives,

**that Your name may be hallowed, Your Gospel proclaimed,**

**that Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.**

This we pray through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## +LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

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

Precious 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     Luke 19:28-44

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 101-102 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*Again*

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 182     *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

AVON

## +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.

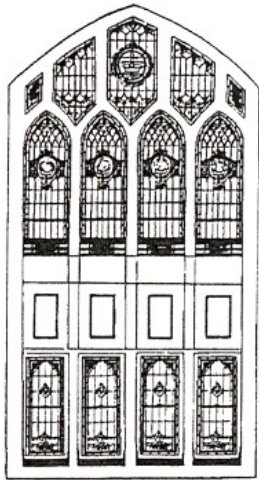
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

April 10, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

*Today we end our Lenten journey and begin the path through Holy Week. We hope you will join us for each worship service along the way. The details about the Holy Week services are below.*



◆ Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

***11:00 AM Worship Service***

*We 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!"*



◆ Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

***5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions***

NO YOUTH OR ADULT ACTIVITIES OR REHEARSALS.



◆ Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

***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 15<sup>th</sup>

***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 17<sup>th</sup>

***11:00 AM Worship Service***

*We will gather to celebrate the risen Savior!*

## ✦ Childcare During Worship

*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: Heather & William Alexander*

## ✦ 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.*

## ✦ Adult Bible Study

*Adult Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. However, there is a major change. Instead of gathering at 6 PM for soup, we will gather at noon for lunch. More details to follow. In the meantime, please spread the word!*

## ✦ 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.*

## ✦ 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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