



The Worship of God ✦ April 17, 2022 ✦ Easter Sunday

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 17, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

✠ *Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!* ✠

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, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

ORGAN PRELUDE AND PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mr. Steven Hollingsworth, Acolyte

✠ *Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!* ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Nancy Freeman

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

INTROIT

He Is Alive
The Celebrate Life Choir

Ragan Courtney & Beryl Red

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM Lillian “Lilli” Willis Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN OF PRAISE 194 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

✠ *Cove's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!* ✠

CHILDREN'S TIME & 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:1, 22-24 Mr. Lee Taylor Rose

In Pew Bible, pages 694 and 695 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 208 *He Is Lord* HE IS LORD

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING Mr. Rose

We thank You, O God, for the cross and the tomb,
Easter's empty gifts that reveal the fullness of Your power and love.

**May the gifts we dedicate, and the lives we lead,
proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

Amen.

+DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:1-12 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 109 of New Testament

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

SERMON

A Deeper Look

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

Dr. Gilliam

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 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

✠ *Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!* ✠

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHORAL RESPONSE

He Is Alive

Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

The Celebrate Life Choir

+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.

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker

Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

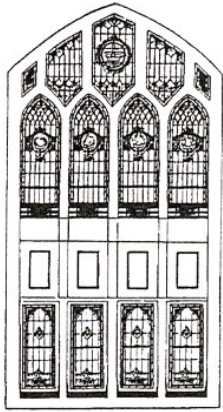
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Miss Bridget Deveney

Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

April 17, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Celebrating Baptism

We rejoice today in the baptism of Lillian “Lilli” Willis, the daughter of Nathan and Kimmi Pierce.

✠ Easter Flowers

The Sanctuary is beautifully adorned for Easter Sunday due to the faithful ministry of our Worship Decorating Committee. May all that we see before us glorify the Risen Christ.

✠ Childcare During Worship

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

Babies: Judy H. Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✠ Thank You

Today marks the end of Bland Baker’s ministry among us as Music Associate/Pianist. For 27 years Bland has faithfully played for worship services, funerals, and weddings, and has accompanied children’s choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, and soloists. We thank you, Bland, for sharing your considerable talents with us to the glory of God.

✠ Easter Break

• *This afternoon’s rehearsals – Chairo and the Celebrate Life Choir – will not meet today. Their regular schedule resumes on April 24th.*

• *The church office will be closed on Monday, April 18th. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 19th at 9:00 AM.*

• *On Wednesday, April 20th, there will be no afternoon or evening activities.*

✠ Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 27th. 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!

✦ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Program – May 1, 2022

- 5:00 – 6:00 PM *Regular Children's Music & Missions Gathering*
- 6:00 – 6:45 PM *Churchwide Meal in Fellowship Hall*
- 6:45 PM *End-of-Year Program in Sanctuary*

✦ 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.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, April 17th

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 18th

Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 19th

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th

12:00 PM Ahoskie Woman's Club, Fellowship Hall

NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING ACTIVITIES.

Friday, April 22nd

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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