

The Worship of God ✦ April 24, 2022 ✦ The 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 24, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

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. Walt Pierce, Mr. Dempsey Pierce, and Miss Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Ashlee' Perry

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heav'nly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to vict'ry now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
Even when life overwhelms us, Easter people sing this song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Everlasting Sunday song.



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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 62:5-8 Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

In Pew Bible, page 647 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 569

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Umphlett

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 1 Peter 1:3-9 Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 281-282 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In This

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 622

He Lives

ACKLEY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Tony Marra, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anthony and Emily Marra, and her parents, Mr. J. W. (Red) Jernigan and wife, Edna.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mrs. Leah Newsome

Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

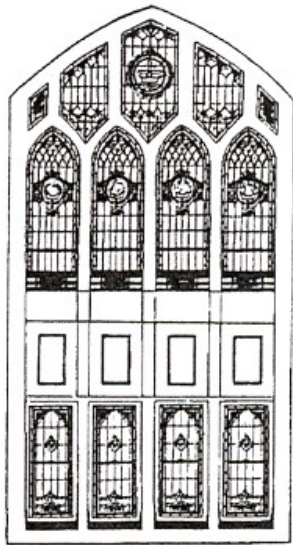
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Miss Bridget Deveney

Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

April 24, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

■ 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

✠ Welcome Our New Music Associate/Pianist

Today, Leah Newsome, begins her ministry with us as Music Associate/Pianist. A Colerain native, Leah served as co-organist/pianist/choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Ahoskie for more than ten years. She holds a K-12 Bachelor of Music Education degree from Campbell University, with a Major in Piano and a Minor in Voice. She also earned a master's degree in Curriculum from East Carolina University. Welcome, Leah, to the FBCA family!

✠ Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study begins Wednesday, April 27th. The meal and Bible study will not last more than an hour. As this is a new adventure, we would like to have an idea of the number of people to expect. If you would like to participate, please call the church office at (252) 332-4003 or email Jessica Pyle at jessica@fbcahoskie.org. Please do spread the word. We are hopeful that by having Bible study at noon on Wednesday, in addition to our own people, some folks, that as of yet have no connection to our congregation, might take part.

✠ Green Space Dedication – 3:00 PM | May 1, 2022

On May 1st, the church is invited to gather at our new Green Space on North Street at 3:00 PM for a time of dedication, fellowship, and fun. When the volunteers who helped make this dream a reality were asked how they'd like to celebrate its completion, they responded, "We'd love some homemade ice cream." Therefore, church, let's comply! If you're willing to bring a batch of homemade ice cream, please contact the church office. We want to make sure we have enough for everyone.

✠ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Program – May 4, 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.

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