

The Worship of God ✠ March 8, 2022 ✠ The Fourth 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

May 8, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Mother's Day

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

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton & Corbett, Acolytes

INTROIT

Stories of Jesus

Parker & Challinor,

Music Friends & Children Choristers

D. Allen & N. Allen

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here.
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*There's a story about a shepherd searching for his sheep.
There's a story about a sower planting tiny seeds.
I learn in the stories of Jesus how to be wise,
And how to be a neighbor, loving and kind.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern



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.**



GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:15-19

Mr. Perry Newbern

In Pew Bible, page 142 of New Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Response: Lord in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley

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

OLD 100TH

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



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-16

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 284 of New Testament

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thanks be to God.

SERMON

Settled!

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 431

Jesus Is Lord of All

LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

+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 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Iris Bazemore by her children, David, Dennis, Debbie, Diane, and their families.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

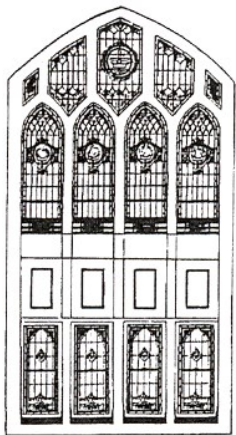
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 8, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today marks the 21st day of our journey through the 50 days of Eastertide. On the 50th day, we observe Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This year, Pentecost Sunday occurs on June 5th.

Today is also Mother's Day, a day for remembering mother's who are no longer with us, and celebrating those who are. We also give thanks for all who are gifted in the art of mothering well.

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

✠ Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study continues this week, May 11, 2022. If you would like to participate, you may sign up by writing your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board, calling the church office at (252) 332-4003 or emailing Jessica Pyle at jessica@fbcahoskie.org. Please do spread the word.

✠ Celebrate Life! 50th Anniversary Presentations

May 14 | 7:00 PM and May 15 | 3:00 PM

Celebrate Life! — The Musical, follows the incarnation to resurrection story of our Lord as told through the eyes of his close followers. The musical, with its classic 1970's sound, was penned and composed by Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red respectively. It premiered in 1972 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Black Mountain, NC, and has remained a beloved musical for 50 generations! You're encouraged to invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

✠ Children's Ministry- Summer 2022

▪ Vacation Bible School

We will hold Vacation Bible School, Monday through Thursday, July 25 – 28. Children born before 8-31-19 through completed grade 5 are invited to participate.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, May 8th

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday, May 9th

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

Tuesday, May 10th

- 4:00 PM CWJC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th

- 12:00 PM Adult Bible Study Lunch
- 7:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, May 13th

- 8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

Saturday, May 14th

- 8:30 AM *Celebrate Life* Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal #1, Sanctuary - with Instrumentalists
- 12:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- 1:15 PM *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal #2, Sanctuary - with Instrumentalists
- 3:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Break - Supper on your own.
- 6:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Choir gathers in Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Presentation #1

Sunday, May 15th

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM *Celebrate Life* Choir gathers in Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Choir gathers in Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM *Celebrate Life* Presentation #2 - Reception to follow.

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