

*Cast all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you.*



The Worship of God ✠ May 15, 2022 ✠ The Fifth 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 15, 2022 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Jenni Byrd and Sophia, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100

Mr. Brandon Zoch

In Pew Bible, page 679 of Old Testament

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into His presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; bless His name.
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever
and His faithfulness to all generations.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Zoch

+HYMN OF PRAISE 354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

JOYFUL SONG



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.**

PRAYER ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace
The Celebrate Life Choir

St. Francis of Assisi/Buryl Red

Make me an instrument of Thy peace, Lord.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is . . .

injury, pardon;

doubt, faith;

despair, hope;

darkness, light;

sadness, joy;

pardon, faith, hope, light and joy,

love.



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Ashlee' Perry

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 5:5-9

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 286 of New Testament

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

SERMON

A Pastor's Diagnosis

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 409 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

+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 Eugene & Edith Freeman by Larry & Diane Freeman.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

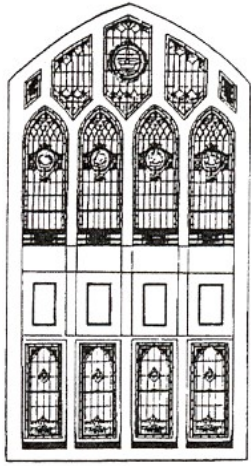
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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 15, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today marks the 29th day of our journey through the 50 days of Eastertide. On the 50th day, we will observe Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This year, Pentecost Sunday occurs on June 5th.

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

Babies: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Jordan & Claire Harrell

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Harriet & Avery Byrum

✦ Celebrate Life! 50th Anniversary Presentations

Today | 3:00 PM | Reception to Follow

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.

✦ Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study continues this week, May 18, 2022. This week, because the Ahoskie Woman's Club is meeting in our Fellowship Hall, we will meet in the FBC Annex, located on Main St., across from our Main St. steps. You're encouraged to bring your own lunch and beverage.

✦ Youth Group Wednesday Gathering | May 18th

The last regular Wednesday night Youth Group gathering is scheduled for 6:00 PM, May 18. We'll gather at our Green Space for a picnic. The FBC Youth Group is made up of students in grades 6-12.

✦ Passport Kids Camp 2022

June 27 – 30 | Monday – Thursday | Converse College, Spartanburg, SC

For students who are in grades 3-5 for the 2021-2022 school year. Camp fee is due May 16.

✦ College Graduates 2022

We'd like to honor our college graduates. If you completed your bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree this spring, please contact the church office and share specifics about your accomplishment.

✦ Youth Ministry- Summer 2022

▪ Passport Youth Camp

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

Contact Jamie Burns or Lou Ann Gilliam, Youth Ministry coordinators, for more information.

✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, May 15th

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

Monday, May 16th

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, May 17th

- 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th

- 12:00 PM Adult Bible Study, FBC Annex
- 12:00 PM Ahoskie Woman's Club, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Gathering, FBC Greenspace

Thursday, May 19th

- 12:00 PM Hannah Brown Sunday School Class Luncheon, Austine Evans' Home

Friday, May 20th

- 8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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