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# BAPTIST CHURCH

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*of* A H O S K I E

The Worship of God ✠ May 22, 2022 ✠ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 22, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Sixth 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

Madison & Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Anna Anderson

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

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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.**

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters; He restores my soul.  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.**

## ANTHEM

*We Believe in God*

arr. Lee Poquette

Chairo

*Chairo is a transliteration of the Greek word, χαίρω, which means "to rejoice."*

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Anderson

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.

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SERMON

*A Good Kind of Pain*

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 682

*Christ Be My Leader*

SLANE

+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 Nat & Lou Riddick, to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren, Pace, and Virginia Davis.*

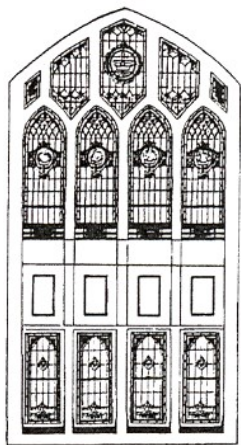
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

May 22, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

Today marks the 36<sup>th</sup> day of our journey through the 50 days of Eastertide. On the 50<sup>th</sup> day, we will observe Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This year, Pentecost Sunday occurs on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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, and Lily Ann Brinkley

## ✦ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: *Together for Hope*

Today we have worshipping with us leadership from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Together for Hope (TFH) coalition. Jason Coker serves as president, and LaCount and Anna Anderson are TFH leaders in Northeastern NC. This afternoon they are meeting with local leadership to assess needs in our area and determine how TFH may be able to help with those needs.

Together for Hope is a rural development coalition engaging with counties of persistent rural poverty in America. TFH believes assets-based community development is the best first step in fighting poverty in rural space. To that end, TFH works with communities in order to hear their dreams and begin to take steps toward helping those dreams be fulfilled. Within these communities, TFH holistically fights poverty focusing on four priorities of hope: Education, Health & Nutrition, Housing & Environment, and Social Enterprise.

## ✦ Adult Bible Study & Lunch – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study continues this week, May 25, 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](mailto:jessica@fbcahoskie.org). Please do spread the word.

## ✦ Bridget Deveney's Graduate Organ Recital

Friday, June 3, 2022 | 7:00 PM | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC

## ✦ High School Graduate Recognition – June 5, 2022

*We'll honor our high school graduates during the 11:00 AM worship service. worship.*

♦Lanie Byrum, Ridgecroft School

♦Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Hertford County Early College High School

♦Isabella Caroline Woodard, Hertford County Early College High School

## ✦ Summer 2022 Children & Youth Activities

June 12-17 Passport Youth Camp

June 27-30 Passport Kids Camp

July 25-28 Vacation Bible School

## ✦ This Week's Calendar

Today, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM Adult Bible Study Lunch, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

8 :00 PM Vocal Ensemble, Choir Room

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

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