

Taste & see
THAT THE LORD IS
good.
Psalm 34:8

The Worship of God ✠ May 29, 2022 ✠ Ascension 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

May 29, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis & Pace, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON From Psalm 34
In Pew Bible, page 625 of Old Testament

Mr. Andy Woodard

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.
I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

+SONGS OF PRAISE

342

He Is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

335

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
Stanzas 1 & 3

HYFRYDOL

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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.**



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-9

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis

In Pew Bible, pages 4 & 5 of New Testament

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

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

Mrs. Davis

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 2:1-3

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 282 of New Testament

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thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Do We Do Now?

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 404 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

NEED

+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 Tom & Carol Jean Fretwell, to the glory of God and in memory of their loved ones.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson

Associate Pastor

Mrs. Leah Newsome

Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

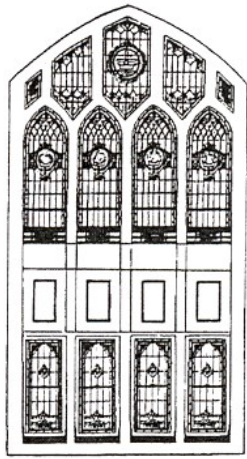
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Miss Bridget Deveney

Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 29, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today marks the 43rd 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: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 1 & 2: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Bryan & Jessica Britton

✦ Church Offices Closed | May 30, 2022

The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

✦ Adult Bible Study & Lunch – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study continues this week, June 1, 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.

✦ Bridget Deveney's Graduate Organ Recital

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

Several FBCA folks are planning to attend. If you'd like to carpool, please speak to Rev. Thompson.

✦ 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*

✦ Receiving the Offering

Beginning Sunday, June 5, 2022, we will return to our usual practice of passing the offering plate as an act of worship. Ushers, please check your email for an updated schedule and instructions.

✦ Children's Ministry Council Meeting

Sunday, June 5th | 2:00 PM

Committee members are:

Jessica Brinkley
Anna Dawson

Victoria Brown
J.C. Doughtie

Elizabeth Davis
Clair Harrell

✦ 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 29th

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 30th

Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, June 1st

12:00 PM Adult Bible Study Lunch, *Fellowship Hall*

6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, *Choir Room*

7:00 PM Vocal Ensemble, *Choir Room*

Friday, May June 3rd

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps

7:00 PM Bridget Deveney's Graduate Organ Recital, *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville*

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