



The Worship of God ✠ June 19, 2022 ✠ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 19, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost*
Father'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

Mr. William Alexander & Abby, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Eley Whitehead

+MEDLEY OF PRAISE

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I Love You, Lord

I LOVE YOU, LORD

1st Time Through: Soloist

2nd Time Through: Choir & Congregation

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My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

Luke 5:27-32

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:13-16a
In Pew Bible, page 831 of Old Testament

Mr. Andy Woodard

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+HYMN 601

O How I Love Jesus
Stanza 1

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Woodard

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:
We dedicate to You, O Lord, our offerings and our lives.
Accept them, we pray as tokens of our gratitude to You,
and in the hope that they will contribute to the building of Your kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Truth Shall Make You Free
The Celebrate Life Choir

Words: Ragan Courtney
Music: Beryl Red

+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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 1:9-20
In Pew Bible, pages 297-298 of New Testament

Dr. Gilliam

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

SERMON

Seven Stars, a Sword, and a Sun

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 603

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

+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 Doug and Nancy Cobbs, to the glory of God our Father, and in honor of all father's past, present, and future.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

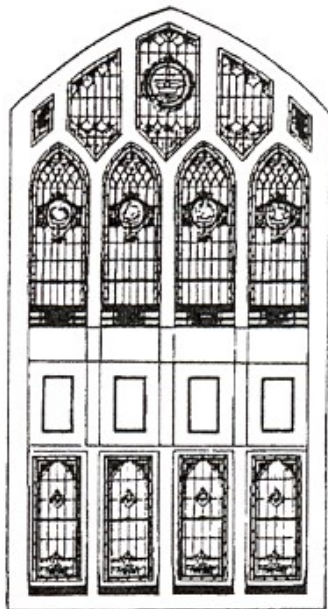
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

June 19, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Today marks the beginning of the season called Ordinary Time. There is nothing “ordinary” about Ordinary Time! We know the seasons of the Christian church by the “holidays or special occasions” we celebrate: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. The Day of Pentecost follows Eastertide, and Trinity Sunday follows the Day of Pentecost. Then, the following Sunday begins Ordinary Time, which continues until the church year begins again with the season of Advent. The color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing growth. We work to deepen the “roots” of our faith and nourish its growth individually and as a church.

– adapted from article by Kathleen Long Bostrom.

Today also is the day our nation has set aside to honor fatherhood. Therefore, on this Father’s Day we give thanks for beloved fathers, both past and present.

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

Babies:	Judy H. Pierce & Cheryl Slachta
Ages 1 & 2:	Alex & Sarah Grace Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten:	Avery & Harriet Byrum

✠ Adult Bible Study & Lunch – Wednesdays at 12 noon

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible study continues this week, June 22, 2022. If you would like to participate, you may sign up on the sign-up sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board, call the church office at (252) 332-4003 or email Jessica Pyle at jessica@fbcahoskie.org. Please do spread the word.

✠ Green Space & Playground

If you’d like to spend time in the greenspace and playground, contact the church office to receive the code for the gate lock.

✠ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

Soon the Nominating Committee will begin the good work of filling leadership roles and committees. You’re encouraged to prayerfully consider how you’d like to serve in the new church year which begins September 1, 2022.

✘ Passport Kids Camp | June 27-30, 2022

On Monday morning, June 27th, Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson and 8 of our children will head to Passport Kids Camp. The children are Lily Ann Brinkley, Sophia Byrd, Italia Ferrante, Dempsey Pierce, Henry Pierce, Adrianna Smith, Gates Vaughan, and Katie Vaughan. You're encouraged to pray for the group now and during the week of camp. If you'd like to send the children a note of encouragement, you may bring your letters to the church office by June 26th. Or you may mail them directly to the camp at:

Camper Name
First Baptist Church of Ahoskie
PASSPORTkids at Converse University
580 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

✘ Vacation Bible School

July 25-28 | 4:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Age 3 through completed grade 5.

Registration forms are available online or in the church office.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to Rev. Thompson.

✘ This Week's Calendar

Today, June 19th

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, June 20th

3:00 PM Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Study*
7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

Tuesday, June 21st

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, June 22nd

12:00 PM Adult Bible Study Lunch, *Fellowship Hall*
6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, *Choir Room*
7:00 PM Vocal Ensemble, *Choir Room*

Friday, June 24th

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, *First Presbyterian Church*

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