



The Worship of God ✦ June 26, 2022 ✦ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 26, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Dempsey Pierce & Lila Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Elizabeth Craft

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
**You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,**  
**for You created all things, and by Your will they were created**  
**and have their being.**  
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth,  
and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise!  
**To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be praise and honor**  
**and glory and power, forever and ever! Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7

*Worthy of Worship*

JUDSON

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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.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 36:7-9

Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 627 of Old Testament

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

## CHORUS

*Rain Down*

arr. John Carter

The Sanctuary Choir

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your people.  
Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life.

## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Joyner

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.**

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

## +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 5

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 301 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*Jesus and God*

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.*

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## 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 12 *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

BEECHER

## +BENEDICTION

## +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 Spencer Matthews to the glory of God and in loving memory of Delores Matthews.*

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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

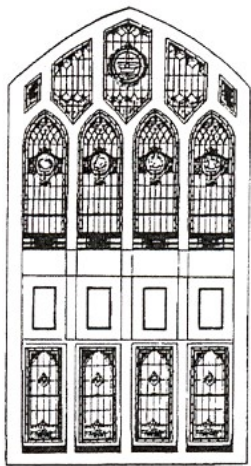
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

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 26, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

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

<i>Babies:</i>	<i>Debbie &amp; Keith Rawls</i>
<i>Ages 1 &amp; 2:</i>	<i>Georgia Copeland &amp; Debbie Greene</i>
<i>Age 3 – Kindergarten:</i>	<i>Jessica, Josh, &amp; Lily Ann Brinkley</i>

## ✦ Passport Kids Camp | June 27-30, 2022

*Tomorrow morning, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 throughout the week of camp.*

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

*Due to Passport Kids Camp, Adult Bible Study and Lunch will not be held on June 29, 2022.*

## ✦ Green Space & Playground

*If you'd like to spend time in the green space 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.*

## ✦ 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.*

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