

*I will Praise you,
O Lord my God,
with all my heart;
I will glorify
your name forever.*

Psalm 86:12

The Worship of God ✠ July 24, 2022 ✠ The 7th 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

July 24, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 7th 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

Miss Brittany Smith, Adrianna & Sebastian, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ms. Peggy Springfield

INTROIT

Glory to God in the Highest
The Vocal Ensemble

Jay Althouse

Glory to God in the highest, who gave us everything.
Glory to God in the highest, our praises now we bring.
Glory, glory! Alleluia! Glory, glory! Praise the Lord on high.
Glory to God in the highest, of earth and sea and skies.
Glory to God in the highest who made the mountains rise.
Glory to God in the highest!

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Luke 11:1-13

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 86

Mr. Walt Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 669 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN 58

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Pierce

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

**O God, who is the source of all good things,
we bring to You our gifts.**

**Enable us, along with our offerings,
to give You the love of our hearts
and the service of our lives.**

Through 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 13:1-10

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 307-308 of New Testament

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

SERMON

The Hidden 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.

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 323

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

+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.

RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

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 by Butch and Sandra Hassell.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

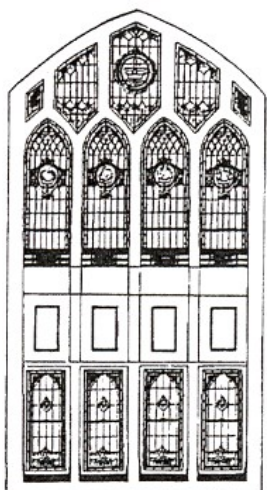
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

July 24, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

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

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| Babies: | Debbie & Keith Rawls |
| Ages 1 & 2: | Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene |
| Age 3 – Kindergarten: | Jessica, Josh, & Lily Ann Brinkley |

✦ Vacation Bible School Begins Tomorrow

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

Age 3 through completed grade 4.

✦ VBS Leaders' Meeting & Decorating Day is Today

2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

We welcome any FBCA folks who'd like to help. For more information about VBS, please contact Rev. Thompson, (252) 395-0061; anita@fbcahoskie.org.

✦ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

The Nominating Committee has begun 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.

✦ Adult Bible Study & Lunch

... is currently on summer break. Information about plans for the Fall are forthcoming.

✦ Sunday School Promotion | August 28, 2022

On August 28, 2022, children will promote to their new classrooms based on their ages/grades. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Thompson.

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| Ages 1 & 2 | Room 106 |
| Ages 3 & 4 | Room 105 |
| Kindergarten & Grades 1-2 | Room 104 |
| Grades 3-6 | Room 309 |

✦ Bible Presentation | Sunday, August 28

As is our tradition, we will present Bibles to our 1st and 6th graders during the worship service as we celebrate their

transition to grade school and youth ministries.

✦ Choirs Resume in August

Wednesday, August 10 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, August 10 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble

Wednesday, August 17 5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions

Sunday, August 21 2:00 PM Chairo

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