

The Worship of God ✦ July 31, 2022 ✦ The 8th 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 31, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 8th Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Jackson Alexander & Corbett Britton, Acolyte

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Bennett Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Anita Thompson

Passport to Peace Vacation Bible School Emphasis

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

— Matthew 5:9 (NRSV)

You have heard people say, 'Love your neighbors and hate your enemies,' But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you."

— Matthew 5:43-44 (CEV)

CHILDREN'S 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.

+CHORUS

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Alex Smith

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 18:1-3, 21-24

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 311-313 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Kaleidoscope

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 497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

+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

CHORAL POSTLUDE

The Way of Peace
The Vacation Bible School Children

Lenora Rand

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 and in loving memory of Bill Arrington by Carolyn Arrington and their children.

The altar flowers for July 24, 2022, were given to the glory God by Butch and Sandra Hassell.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

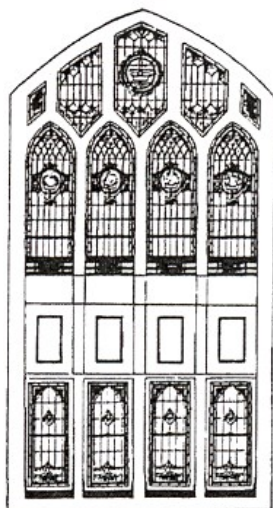
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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 31, 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:

<i>Babies:</i>	<i>Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman</i>
<i>Ages 1 & 2:</i>	<i>Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper</i>
<i>Age 3 – Kindergarten:</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>

✦ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

The Nominating Committee is doing 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.

Since we have been blessed with so many children, there is a particular need for leadership with them for Worship Care, in Sunday School, and for Wednesday evening Music & Missions. For more information about how you may serve with our dear children, please speak with Debbie Magette (Sunday School and Worship Care) or Rev. Thompson (Music & Missions).

✦ Sunday School Promotion

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.

<i>Ages 1 & 2</i>	<i>Room 106</i>
<i>Ages 3 & 4</i>	<i>Room 105</i>
<i>Kindergarten & Grades 1-2</i>	<i>Room 104</i>
<i>Grades 3-6</i>	<i>Room 309</i>

✦ Bible Presentation | Sunday, August 28, 2022

As is our tradition, during worship on Sunday, August 28, we will present Bibles to our 1st and 6th graders as we celebrate their transition to grade school and youth ministries.

✦ Adult Bible Study & Lunch

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

✦ 2022 Fall Programming Begins

<i>Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>August 10 7:00 PM</i>
<i>Vocal Ensemble</i>	<i>August 10 8:00 PM</i>
<i>Children's Music & Missions</i>	<i>August 17 5:00 PM</i>
<i>Chairo</i>	<i>August 21 2:00 PM</i>

✠ 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.

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