

*"Behold, I am making all things new."
– Revelation 21:5*



The Worship of God ✦ August 14, 2022 ✦ The 10th 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

August 14, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 10th 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

Henry & Bennett Pierce, Acolyte

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19: 1-4, 7-9-14
In Pew Bible, pages 613 & 614 of Old Testament

Mrs. Kari Pierce

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

INTROIT

The Heavens are Telling
The Vocal Ensemble

Mark Patterson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 366 *O God Beyond All Praising*

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Jennifer Byrd

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 21:1-8

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 315 of New Testament

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

SERMON

And Then

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 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

+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

PIANO POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Earl, Linda & April Futrell, Austin Yeager, to the glory of God and in memory of Jake and Mary Lee Bullock, and Eston E. and Viola B. Futrell.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

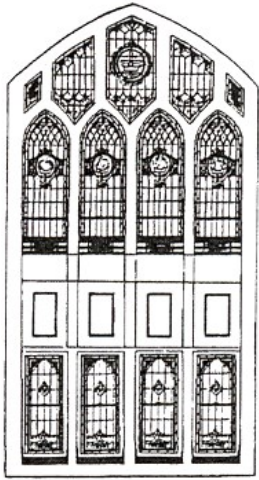
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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

August 14, 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:

Babies:

Nancy Cobbs & Joyce Leary

Ages 1 & 2:

Lyndsay Britt, Isabella & Leah Woodard

Age 3 – Kindergarten:

Heather & William Alexander

✦ Thank You, Bridget Deveney

Today we say goodbye to our organist, Bridget Deveney, as she departs for Irwin, PA where she will begin full time ministry as Music Minister/Organist at Immaculate Conception Church. Bridget began her ministry with us on August 16, 2020, in the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. And though it was a stressful time to begin a new job, Bridget quickly endeared herself to us with her steady faith, compassionate personality, and musical giftedness. Though it pains us to see her go, we send her with our love, our thanks, and our prayers for her future.

✦ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

The Nominating Committee has been diligently working to fill leadership roles and committees for the 2022-2023 Church Year which begins September 1, 2022. Soon the Nominating Committee Report will be mailed to all resident members and participants. Per our constitution and by-laws, a Church Conference will be held on Sunday, August 28, for the purpose of voting on the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

Also, 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).

Members of the Nominating Committee are Kay Byrd, Charles Freeman, Debbie Greene, Peggy Springfield, Eley Whitehead, and Andy Woodard.

✦ Sunday School Promotion | Sunday, August 28, 2022

On August 28, 2022, near the end of the Sunday School hour, children will promote to their new classrooms based on their ages/grades. For more information, please contact Rev. Thompson.

♦ 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, 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.

✠ WMU Churchwide Mission Project for August

Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps needs the following items for hygiene bags:

- ◆Deodorant
- ◆Toothbrush
- ◆Toothpaste
- ◆Shampoo (No Conditioner)

A container will be in the West Street hallway for collection through August 31, 2022. Please contact Claire Presley if you have any questions.

✦ 2022 Fall Programming Begins

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| ◆Chairo | August 28 2:00 PM |
| ◆Children's Music & Missions | August 31 5:00 PM |
| ◆Adult Bible Study | September 7 Time to be determined. |

The Sanctuary Choir (Wednesdays at 7:00 PM) and the Vocal Ensemble (Wednesdays at 8:00 PM) resumed on August 10.

✦ Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Renovation

The fellowship hall and kitchen are being cleaned out in preparation for the renovation which will begin in September. We anticipate the renovation will be complete by the end of 2022.