



The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
– Revelation 22:21

The Worship of God ✠ August 21, 2022 ✠ The 11th 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 21, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Eleventh 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.**

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Madison & Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 92:1-4 Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

In Pew Bible, pages 674 & 675 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN OF PRAISE 310

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

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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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+HYMN 290

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace
Stanzas 1 & 2

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Linda Alexander

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Take My Life
The Sanctuary Choir

Mark Blankenship

+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 22:10-21

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 316 & 317 of New Testament

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thanks be to God.

SERMON

Do I Hear Paul?

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.

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+HYMN OF RESPONSE 443 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

HENDON

+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 Glenn, Russell, and Mark Overman, and their families, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Ruth Overman.

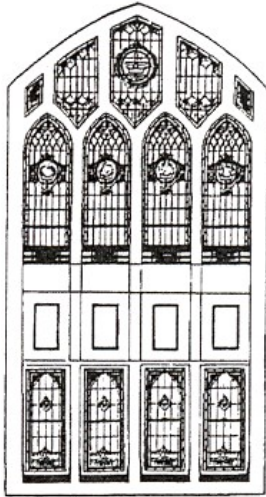
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 21, 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:	Judy H. Pierce & Cheryl Slachta
Ages 1 & 2:	Alex & Sarah Grace Britton
Age 3 – Kindergarten:	Avery & Harriet Byrum

✠ 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.

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

✠ FBC 101 | September 18, 2022 | 4:00 PM

Are you interested in joining FBC Ahoskie, or simply interested in learning more about our church? Do you know someone who is? Sunday, September 18 we will offer FBC 101 at 4 PM. This is a one-hour class/discussion for people interested in joining our church or simply learning more about our church. If you would like to sign up, simply call the church office (252-332-4003), or speak with Paul or Anita.

✦ 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

- ♦Chairo Music Ensemble August 28 | 2:00 PM
- ♦Children's Music & Missions August 31 | 5:15 PM
- ♦Adult Bible Study September 7 | 10:00 AM | Annex Building

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.

✦ Vacation Bible School Mission Offering

As part of this year's Vacation Bible School, Passport to Peace, the children contributed to an offering which will support Welcome House Raleigh, a partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC. The children were encouraged to bring a dollar each evening, and for every dollar brought, a peace dove circle was placed on the fellowship hall wall. At the close of VBS, there were 154 peace doves!

Welcome House Raleigh is a temporary housing ministry for refugees and immigrants who do not have a place to live upon arrival to the USA. It provides a safe home, settlement assistance, and bridges into the community. The main goal is to share the love of God in Christ Jesus through the ministries of hospitality and friendship.

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