

Love One Another

The Worship of God ✦ September 11, 2022 ✦ The 14th 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

September 11, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 14th 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.**

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. William Alexander & Abby, Acolytes

THE PSALM

Psalms 63:1-4

Mr. Deondre Brown

+SONGS OF PRAISE

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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How Great Is Our God

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
it trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me, "How great is our God!"

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(Refrain)*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, "How great is our God!"

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:11, 16-23

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 291 & 292 of New Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 385

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
Sung Twice

WHELPTON

+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 7:1-11

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 865 of Old Testament

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SERMON

There's More to It

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 680

I Then Shall Live

FINLANDIA

+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 & 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 and in memory of Russell P. and Emma A. Martin by Whit Powell & Chris Powell.

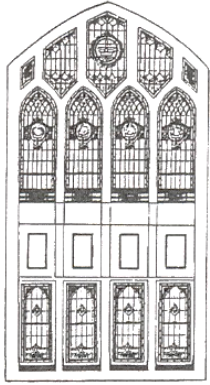
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

September 11, 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:

Crib: Hannah Brown Sunday School Class on call.

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: Elizabeth Davis, Leah & Ben Woodard

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

We give thanks for the following Chowan University students who are assisting with worship leadership today: Deondre Brown, Brayden Conboy, Gabe Espiritu, Hadley Prince, and Kashara Simpson.

✠ Chairó Music Ensemble

Rehearsals Begin Today | 2:00 PM

The Chairó Music Ensemble begins its 12th year of ministry today. Grade school children, youth, and adults, who are interested in singing praise & worship music as well as multi-cultural & world music, are invited to join us for this first rehearsal. Chairó is a transliteration of the Greek word meaning "to rejoice." So come lend your voice as we sing praises and rejoice over all God has done for us.

✠ 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 4:00 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.

✠ WMU Churchwide Mission Project for September

We are collecting the following items for the international students at Chowan University:

- ♦ Blankets
- ♦ Extra Long Twin Sheets
- ♦ Pillows
- ♦ Twin Comforters
- ♦ Used Microwaves

A container will be in the West Street hallway for collection through September 30, 2022. Please contact Claire Presley if you have any questions.

✠ Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10:00 AM | Annex Building

✠ Northeast NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Regional Gathering
Edenton Baptist Church | September 25, 2022 | 3:45 PM - 7:30 PM

All FBC Ahoskie folks are invited. The gathering will feature informative breakout sessions, a fellowship meal and meaningful worship. The event is free, however the meal is \$5.00. Featured speakers are Sam and Melody Harrell. The Harrells serve as CBF Field Personnel in Kenya and on the national staff of CBF. Melody is a certified spiritual director. You may choose from the following breakout sessions:

Culture and Calling: A session for Youth and Their Leaders Kelly Rhodes Adams
Members of Gen Z are digital natives in a foreign land every time they enter a traditional church setting. Youth and their leaders will explore the unique challenge of trusting an unchanging God in an ever-changing culture, and how to discern God's calling even in the earliest seasons in our life of faith.

Spirituality and the Enneagram Sam & Melody Harrell
The Enneagram is a map that illuminates nine distinct patterns of the human personality. It is a powerful and practical system available for lending emotional, social, and spiritual intelligence to creating and sustaining relationships. This workshop will introduce the enneagram and its 9 types.

CBFNC 101 Mary Kaylor
Where did the CBF movement come from? What do we believe? What are our ministries? What is the relationship between CBFNC and CBF? Chat with a CBFNC leader to explore these questions.

Creative Ideas for Gathering Your Church Outside Its Walls Charles Qualls
Charles will discuss Franklin Baptist's popular "Faith on Draft" experiences that meet in a restaurant downtown monthly. Discussion will center on how business, service, and social gatherings are important places in the faith. Bring your creative ideas and let's learn together!

What's Happening to Our Churches? Phyllis Tickle's Theory Anita Thompson
Long before the COVID-19 pandemic, churches were in decline. Church leaders across the denominational struggle to determine why this is happening. Church historian, Phyllis Tickle, looked for and found patterns in Christian history that may help us better understand current church culture, and inspire us to join God in leading the church through this season of change. This workshop will introduce Phyllis Tickle's theory.

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