

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Worship of God ✠ October 2, 2022 ✠ World Communion Sunday

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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*The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 2, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: World Communion Sunday*

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

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:16-17

Mrs. Claire Presley

In Pew Bible, page 114 of New Testament

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

INTROIT

*A Place at the Table*

Shirley Erena Murray

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Presley

+HYMN OF PRAISE 467

*We Are one in Christ*

THAXTED

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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.**

+CHORUS

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Spiritual



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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Eley Whitehead

PIANO 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      Lamentations 3:19-26

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 937-938 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

*Every Morning*

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.*

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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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 48     *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

+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 Sharon & Kenny Roope, and Tracy & Bryant Lewis, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of E.L. Holloman, Ada Fornes, and Glenda Byrd.*

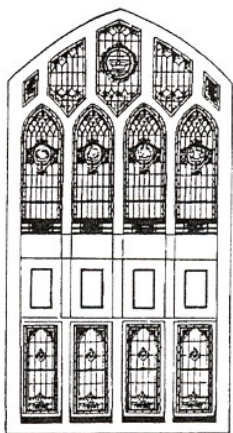
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III  
Pastor  
Mrs. Leah Newsome  
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
Pastor Emeritus



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

October 2, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

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

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Baker & Judy H. Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

## ✠ Benevolence Offering Received Today

*On the first Sunday of every month, we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.*

## ✠ Chair Music Ensemble | October 2, 2022 | 2:00 PM

*All are welcome to come sing with Chair Music today at 2:00 PM in the Choir Room.*

## ✠ FBC 101 | October 2, 2022 | 4:00 PM

*Are you interested in joining FBC Ahoskie, or simply interested in learning more about our church? If yes, you're invited to gather in the library today at 4 PM and join in a conversation with Dr. Gilliam and Rev. Thompson.*

## ✠ 2023 Deacon Nominations

*In early October resident church members will be mailed information about the 2023 deacon election process. A list of those eligible to serve will be included. Members are invited to prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2023. Those who prefer not to serve at this time may call the church office and request your name be removed from consideration. Please call by October 3, 2022.*

Deacon Nominations | October 16, 2022

Deacon Confirmation | December 12, 2022

## ✠ No Adult Bible Study

*Adult Bible Study is postponed until further notice.*

## ✠ October Birthdays – An Addition

*We are always thankful for those who let us know we have omitted a birthday. We offer our apology to Tommy and Janet Oliver and invite you to add their birthdays to your October calendar. Janet's birthday is October 8; Tommy's is October 24.*

## ✠ Children's Sabbath | October 30, 2022

*Our Music & Missions children will lead the 11 AM worship service.*

## ✠ Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 30, 2022 | 6:00 PM

*For children up to grade 5.*

*Contact Rev. Thompson if you plan to decorate a trunk.*

## ✠ Christian Discipleship Team

*With our deacons' approval, Dr. Gilliam has formed a Christian Discipleship Team. The purpose of this team is three-fold: 1) to find ways to increase participation in Sunday School and Sunday morning worship, 2) to develop a strategic outreach plan to our immediate community and beyond, and 3) to provide our congregation with tools and opportunities to develop deep Christian maturity. Please pray for the team members listed below as they begin their work:*

William Alexander	Sarah Jenkins
Jamie Burns	Leslie Lawrence
Brayden Conboy	Ashlee Perry
Doug Cobbs	Carl Pierce
Elizabeth Davis	Kari Pierce
Lou Ann Gilliam	Anita Thompson
Paul Gilliam	Mary Ann Umphlett
Brad Hauser	Lee Wilson

## ✠ Looking Ahead

▪ Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 6:00 PM | Annual Christmas Cantata