



Bloom where planted.

The Worship of God ✕ October 9, 2022 ✕ The 18th 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

October 9, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 18th 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

Miss Lily Ann & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Nancy Freeman

Almighty God,
across the ages You have guided Your people through the wilderness,
assuring us of a home in Your eternal city.
Strengthen us along the way,
that we might not neglect our call
to serve the cities and towns where we live.
Help us to trust in Your unfailing presence amid all of our fears.
Grant us wisdom to discern Your way in this world
even as we hope for the next.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray.
Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

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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 Romans 5:1-5

Ms. Peggy Springfield

In Pew Bible, page 188 of New Testament

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

CHORAL PRAYER *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

*Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord, come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.*

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ms. Springfield

OFFERTORY

Rick Burns, Guitar

+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 29:1, 4-7
In Pew Bible, pages 864 & 895 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

Dr. Gilliam

SERMON *Bloom Where Planted*

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 72 *Day by Day*

BLOTT EN DAG

+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 the family of Mary Frances Johnson to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Frances & Ernie Johnson.

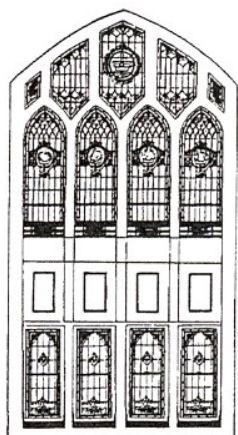
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

October 9, 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:

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

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

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

✦ Building & Grounds Committee

Thursday, October 13 | 7:00 PM

✦ Renovation of Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Has Begun

During the renovation process we will do our best to make the first floor safe for all, particularly our children. Please join us in watching out for our dear ones during Sunday School, Worship, and Wednesday's Music & Missions.

✦ 2023 Deacon Nominations

On October 5, 2022, resident church members were mailed information about the 2023 deacon election process. A list of those eligible to serve is included. Members are invited to prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2023.

Deacon Nominations | October 16

Deacon Confirmation | December 12

✦ 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.

✦ Looking Ahead

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

✠ 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:

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

✠ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is time to prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you choose to include a bar of soap, remember to open it and allow it to dry. Doing this assists in repelling moisture in transit, and allows the child to use it longer than a freshly opened bar of soap.

Our church goal this year is to complete 100 boxes! We want to help boys and girls around the world know that God loves them and has not forgotten them no matter their circumstances. Let's help share the Good News of Christ through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need.

All boxes are due at FBCA between November 14-21, 2022. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC.

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