



The Worship of God ✠ October 16, 2022 ✠ The 19th 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 16, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 19th 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

Mr. Henry & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Kari Pierce

O Bread of Heaven; kumbaya.

Come by here, Lord.

We hunger and thirst for You this morning; kumbaya.

Come by here, Lord.

We long to be nurtured in Your love and forgiveness; kumbaya.

Come by here, Lord.

We will wait and listen for Your leading in this hour; kumbaya.

Come by here, Lord.

O Bread of Heaven; kumbaya.

Come by here, Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Kumbaya
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Paul Sjolund

+HYMN OF PRAISE 33

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 224 of New Testament

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

+OFFERTORY HYMN 667 *As saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought* Stanza 3

FOREST GREEN

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Joyner

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 Jeremiah 29:8-14

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 895 of Old Testament

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SERMON 70 Years

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 184 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

+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 to the glory of God by Pat Byrd in memory of her husband, John "Henry" Byrd, Jr.

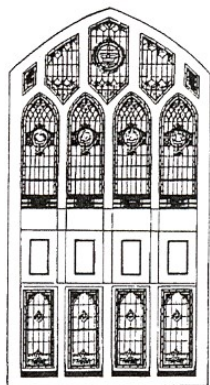
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 16, 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: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Anna Dawson

✠ 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

Today, FBCA members will have the opportunity to nomination persons to serve as deacons for a three year term beginning January 2023. The five persons who receive the most nominations and agree to serve will be voted upon on Sunday, December 12, 2022.

✠ 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.

We currently have commitments for eleven trunks. Thank you! We'd like to have a minimum of fifteen. Please contact Rev. Thompson if you'd like to volunteer or if you have questions.

✠ Looking Ahead

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

✠ 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 14-20, 2021. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC.

✠ 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

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