



The Worship of God ✠ October 23, 2022 ✠ The 20th 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 23, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 20th 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

Mrs. Landis Chamblee & Mac, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-6

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

In Pew Bible, pages 720 of Old Testament

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

ANTHEM

Trust the Lord

arr. Steven V. Taylor

Based on Isaiah 40:31, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Proverbs 4:18

Chairo

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Umphlett

+HYMN OF PRAISE 570

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

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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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COMMISSIONING

Mrs. Penny Rose, *Deacon Chair*

Christian Discipleship Team

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

+HYMN 37

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us
Stanza 1

CWM RHONDDA

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Victoria Outlaw

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 99 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Picture Postcard

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 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

Stanzas 1, 4 & 5

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

+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 Jim & Dana Wiggins in memory of their parents, Bill & Ann Cullifer, and C.D. & Doris Wiggins.

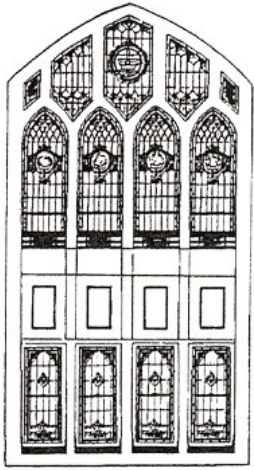
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 23, 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: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Michelle Boyd & Sarah Jenkins

Kindergarten: Kimmi & Nathan Pierce

✠ Christian Discipleship Team

Today, during worship, we are commissioning our newly formed 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	Elizabeth Davis	Sarah Jenkins	Kari Pierce
Jamie Burns	Doug Cobbs	Leslie Lawrence	Anita Thompson
Brad Hauser	Lou Ann Gilliam	Ashlee Perry	Mary Ann Umphlett
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✠ Children's Sabbath | October 30, 2022

Our annual Children's Sabbath worship service will be held next Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 AM. The Music Friends (Age 3 -K) will sing, and the Children Choristers (Grades 1-5) will serve as worship leaders and sing. This year's theme is "God Loves the World." The children will share Bible stories which convey Jesus' love for children (Matthew 19:13-15), women (Mark 5:25-34), the sick (Luke 17:11-19), and the poor (Matthew 25:31-46). You're invited to remember the children in prayer this week as they make final preparations.

✠ 2023 Deacon Results

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, resident church members nominated persons to serve as deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023. The top five nominees who have agreed to serve are: Josh Brinkley, Jamie Burns, Austine Evans, Betty Joyner, and Jim Wiggins. On Sunday, December 12, 2022, members will have the opportunity to confirm these nominees.

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

For children up to grade 5. At our Church & West Streets parking lot.

Trunk decorators are asked to have their trunks in place by 5:30 PM. You're welcome to come earlier if needed. Children will line up on the West St. sidewalk beside the Phil Coggins Insurance Agency.

We currently have commitments for fourteen trunks. Thank you! We need at least one more. Please contact Rev. Thompson if you'd like to volunteer or have questions.

✂ Looking Ahead

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

The Music Friends (Age 3-K), Children Choristers (Grades 1-5), Chairo, the Christmas Choir, and the Vocal Ensemble will all lead us in a celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

✂ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is time to prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our church goal 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, 2022. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC.

✂ 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.