



The Worship of God ✦ October 30, 2022 ✦ Children's Sabbath

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 30, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Children's Sabbath*

Theme: God Loves the World

Greeting to Worshipers

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

Chiming of the Hour

Pastoral Sentences

Dempsey Pierce

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.**

Lighting of the Candles & Opening of the Bible

Faith & Charlotte Adams, Acolytes

Piano Prelude

Sophia Byrd

Prayer of Invocation

Corbett Britton

Introit

God Loves the World

C. H. Dickerson

The Children Choristers & Music Friends

God loves the world and everything in it. God gave His son for all of the world.
We all live under the same sun, same moon and stars.
God loves all people no matter where they are.
God loves all of creation; every creature great and small.
We reflect God's love when we care for them all.

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Jesus Shows Us What God's Love Looks Like

Compassion for Children

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:13-15

Perry Newbern

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

Children's Time

May the Name of the Lord Be Praised
Prayer of Thanks
The Music Friends

Carol H. Dickerson
C. E. Walz

Children's Blessing

Gates Vaughan

People of God, what is our 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.**

+Hymn of Praise

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

BONNER

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
2. Love Him, love Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
3. Thank Him, thank Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,

God is love, God is love, Praise Him, praise Him,
God is love, God is love, Love Him, love Him,
God is love, God is love, Thank Him, thank Him,

all ye lit - tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love.

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Jesus Shows Us What God's Love Looks Like

Compassion for Women

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:25-34

Mary Welch Gallop

Jesus – Henry Pierce; *Sick Woman* – Leslie Jernigan;
Disciple – Jackson Alexander; *Crowd* – Abby Alexander, Caroline Baker, Jackson Baker,
Carter Cummings, Winslow, Gallop, Grant Myers, Briar Rascoe, and Charlie Rascoe

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

Hymn

AURELIA

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.



Jesus Shows Us What God's Love Looks Like

Compassion for the Sick

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

Henry Pierce

Grateful Leper – Dempsey Pierce;
Other Lepers – Jackson Baker, Sophia Byrd, Carter Cummings, Lily Flythe, Grant
Johnson, Stuart Pierce, Briar Rascoe, Charlie Rascoe, and Milly Vaughan

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

Hymn

AURELIA

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.



Jesus Shows Us What God's Love Looks Like

Compassion for the Poor

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Madison Alexander

Jesus – Gates Vaughan; *Smart Aleck* – Bennett Pierce;
Speaking Sheep – Abby Alexander, Caroline Baker, and Winslow Gallop; *Speaking Goats*
– Grant Johnson, and Stuart Pierce

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

+Hymn

AURELIA

The mission God has given, to tell the world of grace,
Must start by seeing Jesus in every human face.
Each time we feed the hungry or shelter those in need,
The love of Christ, our Savior, is present in the deed.

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+Offertory Prayer

Graham Lawrence

Piano Offertory

+Doxology

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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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Invitation

Dr. Gilliam

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 603

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

+Benediction

Rev. Anita Thompson

+Response

Let Us Welcome One Another
The Children Choristers

arr. Jeremy Russell

+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Last Sunday's altar flowers were given to the glory of God by Jim & Dana Wiggins in memory of their parents, Bill & Ann Cullifer, and C.D. & Doris Wiggins.

Today's altar flowers are given by Elizabeth Craft to the glory of God and in honor of her family and church family.

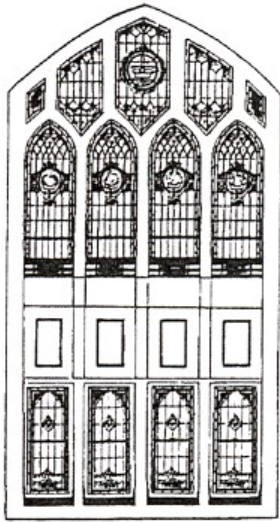
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 30, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Children's Sabbath | October 30, 2022

Today we are celebrating our annual Children's Sabbath worship service. The Music Friends (Age 3 -K) will sing, and the Children Choristers (Grades 1-5) will serve as worship leaders and also 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). This year marks the 10th anniversary of Children's Sabbath at FBCA.

✠ Worship Childcare

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

Ages 1 & 2:	Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman
Ages 3 & 4:	Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper
Kindergarten:	Bill & Debbie Magette

✠ 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.

✠ 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.

✠ All Saints Sunday | November 6, 2022

During the 11:00 AM worship hour we will remember our FBCA brothers and sisters in Christ who passed from this life to the next since October 31, 2021.

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

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.

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