



The Worship of God ✠ November 6, 2022 ✠ All Saints 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

November 6, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: All Saints 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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Lilli Willis

O God of heaven and earth, of time and eternity,
of all life and love and light,
we worship You.
For Your perfect beauty and holy majesty,
we praise You.
For Your immeasurable goodness and gracious mercy,
we thank You.
For Your creative wisdom and unassailable justice,
we lift up Your name.

You are worthy of our adoration and deserving of our acclamation.
We join with the saints of all times and places,
with the angels and heavenly choirs,
and with all creation in singing Your glorious praise.
May You be honored and glorified by what we do in this place, in this hour.
For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SONGS OF PRAISE

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

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How Great Is Our God

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash



CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

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.**



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, page 303 of New Testament

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

IN MEMORIAM

November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022

Rev. Thompson

Richard Baker

Inez Bracy

Henry Byrd

Betty Duke

Bill Earley

William Leary Sr.

Barbara Martin

Cleo Mitchell

Mike Perry

Jessie Simons

Bernice Umphlett

With grateful hearts, we give thanks for these saints.

May our memory of them inspire us to serve You well, O Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Recollection of Joy

Donna J. Butler

Based on Philippians 1

The Vocal Ensemble

I thank my God when I remember you, for He has blessed my life with yours.

With every prayer of mine for you, I'm filled with joy; for I hold you in my heart.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Claire Presley

+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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SERMON

Don't Be a Sadducee!

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.

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.

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 590 *The Solid Rock*

SOLID ROCK

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

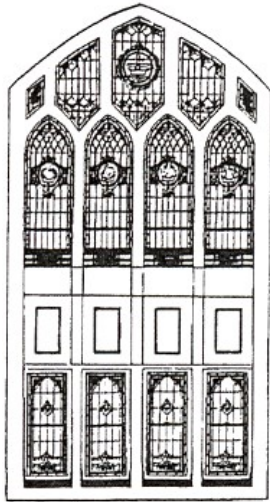
Today's altar flowers are given by Frank and Penny Rose to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Anita Thompson and the wonderful children's music program she provides for our church.

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

November 6, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Each year on the first Sunday of November we observe All Saints Sunday, a day on which we remember and honor the lives of our saints who have gone on to be with the Lord since last All Saints observance. In our remembering, we, the living, are reminded of our own baptism into the communion of saints. May we live a life worthy of the calling.

✦ Worship Childcare

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

Ages 1 & 2: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✦ Trunk or Treat | Thank You!

Last Sunday evening we enjoyed a fun time of trick or treating during our annual Trunk or Treat. We offer our thanks to those who decorated the 16 trunks (and themselves!), and to the parents and grandparents who brought the princesses and unicorns, the crime fighters and ninjas, the puppy dogs and kitty cats, the skeletons and witches, and a host of other Halloween visitors. It was a great night.

✦ Building & Grounds Committee

The Building & Grounds Committee is meeting this Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

✦ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our church goal this year is to complete 100 boxes! Let's help share the Good News of Christ through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need.

Drop off your completed boxes in room 209 of our church building. Envelopes should arrive sometime this week. All boxes are due at FBCA between November 14-21, 2022. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC at (252) 209-7744.

✠ Memorial Service

A memorial service for Bill Earley will be held at FBCA on November 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

✠ 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.

✠ 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.

✠ 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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