

Praise God, above ye heavenly host!



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The Worship of God ✠ November 13, 2022 ✠ The 23rd 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

November 13, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 23rd 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 Madison & Mr. Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-12

Miss Ashleé Perry

In Pew Bible, pages 838 & 839 of Old Testament

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

ANTHEM

Go Out with Joy
The Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Harlan

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Anita Thompson

+HYMN OF PRAISE 335 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

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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.

+HYMN 17

This is My Father's World
Stanzas 1 & 2

TERRA PATRIS



+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Linda Alexander

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.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 252 of New Testament

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SERMON

A Disciplined Christian Life

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 507 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

SPIRITUAL

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Out with Joy
The Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Harlan

*For ye shall go out with joy, be led forth in peace,
The mountains shall break into singing!
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands! — Isaiah 55:12*

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 and in loving memory of Fletcher Pierce by Sandra and Stuart Pierce and family.

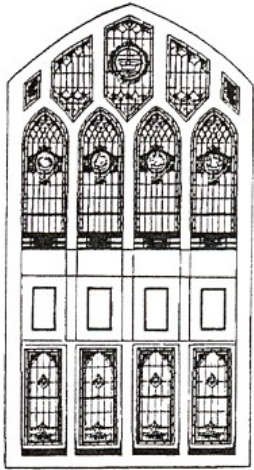
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

November 13, 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, Leah & Ben Woodard

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

✦ 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 14-20, 2022.

Every year Lee and Melanie Byrum borrow a trailer to deliver the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to Elizabeth City, NC. If you have an enclosed trailer that you are willing to lend out, please contact Melanie 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.

✦ Children Choristers Sing for Worship | November 20, 2022

The Children Choristers (Grades 1-5) and the Sanctuary Choir have been learning a delightful setting of Isaiah 12:2-6, titled, "The First Song of Isaiah," by Jack Noble White. On Sunday, November 20, they will offer it for worship. Here is the plan for that morning:

9:15 AM	Children Choristers & Sanctuary Choir rehearse in Sanctuary.
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:40 AM	Children Choristers & Sanctuary Choir gather in choir room.
11:00 AM	Worship

✦ Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

November 24 - 25, 2022

✦ Annual Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 11:00 AM & 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.

✦ Christmas Choir Rehearsal Update

Christmas Choir singers are encouraged to participate in one or both of the following updated rehearsal times:

Sundays from 2:45—3:30 PM

Wednesdays from 7:00—7:40 PM

✦ 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 in Progress

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.