

Christ the King Sunday



The Worship of God ✠ November 20, 2022 ✠ Christ the King 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 20, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Christ the King*

We began the seasons of the church year with anticipation, and we end declaring a certainty. In Advent we waited for the needed and longed-for, definitive and ultimate self-disclosure of God in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. On Christ the King Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of the biblical revelation of God in Christ.

Throughout the church year the church has listened to, reflected upon, rehearsed in worship, and tried to live in daily experience the redemption story. May we come away from this last Sunday of the church year soaked to the core in the revelation of God in Christ, declaring once again, Jesus Christ is Lord. —

A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God

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

Miss Jenni Byrd and Sophia, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Peggy Springfield

+HYMN OF PRAISE 360

We Will Glorify

WE WILL GLORIFY

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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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 12:2-6

Rev. Thompson

In Pew Bible, pages 785 of Old Testament

Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

The Sanctuary Choir & Children Choristers

Sophia Byrd & Madison Alexander, Soloists

*Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.*

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord,"
and call upon His Name.

Make His deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy.
For the Great One in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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



+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton

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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SERMON

Them's Fighting Words!

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 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

+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.

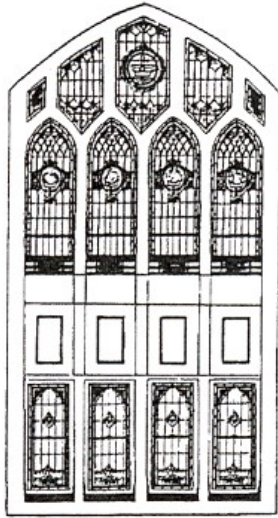
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 20, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Floral Offering - *Today's altar flowers are given by Susan Earley to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Earley.*

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

Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✦ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Today is the last day to bring in your completed shoeboxes. Please place them in room 209. For more information, contact Melanie Byrum, our Operation Christmas Child coordinator at (252) 209-7744.

✦ No Evening Activities on November 23, 2022

In preparation for Thanksgiving Day, there will be no evening activities on November 23.

✦ 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—7:55 PM

✦ 2023 Budget

Discussion | Wednesday, November 30, 2022 | 5:30 PM

Vote | Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 11:00 AM

On Friday, November 18, 2022, the proposed 2023 Budget was mailed and emailed to resident church members. It is the result of the hard work of the finance committee, and of the deacons, who have approved this proposal.

*As the finance committee and deacons have faithfully carried out their work, we ask that you now study and prayerfully consider the proposed budget, in preparation for a churchwide meeting on **Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30 PM**, at which time the budget will be presented and discussed, but without a vote.*

*On **Sunday, December 4th**, just prior to the start of the 11 AM worship service, the church membership will convene in the sanctuary for a vote on the proposed 2023 budget, but without discussion.*

Please make time to review this budget and attend these important gatherings.

✦ 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 11, 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.

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