



Matthew 5:13 & 14

The Worship of God ✦ February 5, 2023 ✦ The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 5, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Mr. Scott Outlaw

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Anita Thompson

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.**

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Bring Forth the Kingdom
The Vocal Ensemble

Marty Haugen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Jamie Burns

+HYMN OF PRAISE 297

Here I Am to Worship

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern

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.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-10

Mr. Outlaw & Miss Ashleé Perry

In Pew Bible, pages 841-842 of Old Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

. . . 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

**If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. – 1 John 1:5-7**

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE 595

At the Cross
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

HUDSON

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Perry

OFFERTORY

+OFFERING RESPONSE

Hymn 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Refrain Only

SHINE

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Thompson

In Pew Bible, page 5 of New Testament

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

SERMON

You Are! Jesus Said So

Rev. Thompson

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen

1. SOLO: You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: **ALL: salt for the**
 2. SOLO: You are a light on a hill, O peo - ple: **ALL: light for the**
 3. SOLO: You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: **ALL: live for the**
King-dom of God! SOLO: Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
King-dom of God! SOLO: Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
King-dom of God! SOLO: Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
ALL: life in the King-dom of God! ALL: Bring forth the
ALL: shine for the King-dom of God!
ALL: grow in the King-dom of God!
King-dom of mer - cy; pray for the King-dom of peace;
work for the King-dom of jus - tice; hope for the
Ci - ty of God!

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+BENEDICTION

Rev. Thompson

+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.

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 Ruth Ward.

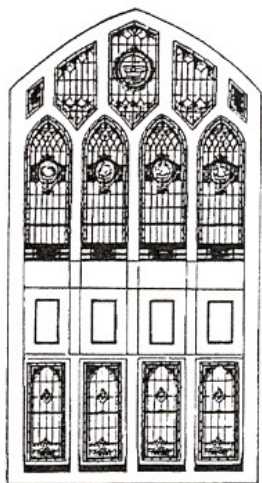
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 5, 2023

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: Nancy Baker & Judy H. Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✠ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month, we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

✠ Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

We will continue to receive this offering through March. Our goal is \$8,000 and our current total is \$7,518.18. One hundred percent of your gifts to the Global Missions Offering support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving around the world.

✠ Baptism on February 12, 2023

Next Sunday, during the 11 AM worship service, we will celebrate the baptisms of siblings Dempsey and Stuart Pierce. Dempsey (5th grade) and Stuart (2nd grade) are the children of Walt & Mary Page Pierce.

✠ Ash Wednesday Meal & Worship

February 22, 2023 | Meal at 6 PM | Worship at 7 PM

On Ash Wednesday we usher in the Season of Lent with a traditional worship service of repentance and the imposition of ashes. The menu for the evening is barbecue chicken, seasoned green beans, potatoes, cornbread, and cobbler. To make a reservation for your family, call the church office or write your name on the sign-up sheet in the second-floor hallway by noon on February 20. Meal donations of \$8.00 are appreciated but not required.

✠ Heck-Jones Offering

During the month of February, FBC Ahoskie will collect the Heck-Jones Offering. This annual offering provides primary funding for the mission and ministries of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of NC. The offering is named for Fannie Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two dedicated women in WMU history. Both held prominent leadership roles in the North Carolina organization, and Miss Heck also served at the national level. Envelopes for this offering, are in the pew racks. Your generosity helps to provide for the future and ministry of WMU NC.

✘ Newsletter Article Submissions

Our weekly newsletter is released on Wednesdays. If there is information you would like published in our newsletter, please call, or email the church office by noon on Monday.

✘ 2023 Deacons

Serving Term 2021-2023

Don Joyner
Bill Magette
Scott Outlaw, *Chair*
Kari Pierce, *Secretary*
Chuck Revelle

Serving Term 2022-2025

Nancy Freeman
Stuart Pierce
Walt Pierce
L. Taylor Rose
Eley Whitehead

Serving Term 2023-2026

Josh Brinkley
Jamie Burns, *Vice Chair*
Austine Evans
Betty Joyner
Jim Wiggins

✘ This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 6

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 7

10:00 AM WMU, Groups 2 & 4

Wednesday, February 8

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions: Age 3 – Grade 5
6:15 PM Youth Group Gathering: Grades 6-12
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, February 10

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, *The Gathering Place*

Sunday, February 12

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
2:00 PM Chair Music Ensemble Rehearsal, *Choir Room*