



# TRANSFIGURATION *of the Lord*

The Worship of God ✠ February 19, 2023 ✠ Transfiguration Sunday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 19, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Transfiguration Sunday*

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.**

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Alex & Mr. Wells Britton, Acolytes

TRANSFIGURATION LITANY

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton

Let us acknowledge the greatness and majesty of God  
as we offer our humble adoration:  
Blessed are You, Almighty Father, Sovereign Ruler of all creation:  
**we glorify and adore You.**  
Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ, loving Savior of the world:  
**we glorify and adore You.**  
Blessed are You, eternal Spirit, gracious source of light and life:  
**we glorify and adore You.**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**  
**we glorify Your name for ever and ever. Amen.**

INTROIT

*We Will Glorify*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Twila Paris  
arr. Jack Schrader

+HYMN OF PRAISE 156

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE

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## CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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.**

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## EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-19

Mrs. Britton

In Pew Bible, page 287 of New Testament

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

## +HYMN 159

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Stanzas 1 & 3

ST. ELIZABETH

## +PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Corbett Britton

## 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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## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 22 & 23 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*For Another Day*

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 682

*Christ Be My Leader*

SLANE

## +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

## POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Duck & Jerri Harrell to the glory of God and in honor of Paul & Lou Ann Gilliam with thanks for their ministry to and with us.*

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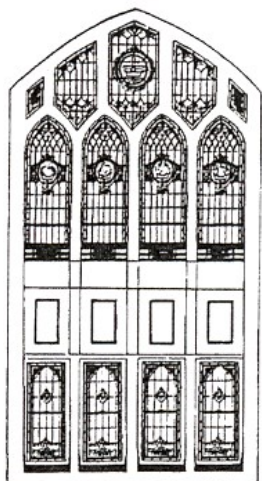
## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

February 19, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

♦ **The Christian Year** – *the church marks time differently than the secular world. We follow the Christian Year which begins with the Season of Advent four weeks prior to Christmas and ends with Christ the King Sunday on the Sunday prior to the beginning of Advent.*

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the final and climactic Sunday in the Epiphany season. On this Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain where Peter, John and James watched in amazement as the radiant Jesus spoke with the glorified Moses and Elijah. Jesus' identity as Son of God is revealed unmistakably when the Father physically glorifies Jesus and then announces, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!" And so, as we commemorate the glory and brilliance of our transfigured Lord, we are compelled to claim and proclaim Him Savior and Lord and follow wherever He leads.

## ✠ 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 grilled barbeque chicken with homemade sauce, secret recipe creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, cornbread squares, peach, or blackberry cobbler with cream. 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.

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

Ages 1 & 2: Mary Page Pierce & Nancy Perry

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Anna Dawson

## ✠ 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 \$7,618.18. 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.

## ✠ Pastor's Lenten Bible Study | March 1, 2023 | 6:00 PM

On Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Dr. Gilliam will resume Adult Bible Study. Please join him in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM.

## ✠ 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.

## ✠ This Week's Calendar

### Monday, February 20

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, February 21

6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday, February 22

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions: Age 3 – Grade 5

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Meal

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 24

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

### Sunday, February 26 | *The First Sunday in Lent*

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal, *Choir Room*