



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 5, 2023 ✠ The Second Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 5, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday in Lent*

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 & OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Dempsey & Miss Lila Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Anita Thompson

+HYMN OF PRAISE 349

To God Be the Glory

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Mr. Bruce Pasek

In Pew Bible, page 12 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Kathryn S. Bonner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hymn 576

I Stand Amazed in the Presence
Stanza 1

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Melissa Pasek

Gracious God,
just as You blessed Abram when he ventured out in faith,
You have blessed us on our faith journey.
Help us see our gifts and offerings,
not merely as fruit of our hard work,
but as blessings we have received from Your generous hand.
In grateful response we present to You these offerings.
May they become blessings to others in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 9-12, 18-19, 22-25

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 187 & 188 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Lenten Grace

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.

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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 587

Amazing Grace

NEWTON

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Beth Hassell Northcott to the glory of God and in honor of Butch & Sandra Hassell for their 58th wedding anniversary.

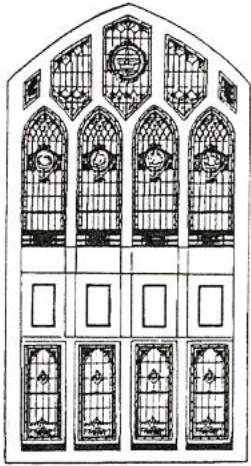
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

March 5, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ 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.*

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, we ushered in the Season of Lent by worshipping together in observance of Ash Wednesday. The Lenten Season spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concluding the Saturday before Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead Him to abandon His mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance. – Dennis Bratcher, adapted by ADT.

✠ Childcare During Worship

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

✠ Lenten Homily & Communion | March 8, 2023 | 6:15 PM

Throughout the Season of Lent, Dr. Gilliam will lead a weekly Lenten worship opportunity in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a homily (short sermon) and communion.

✠ Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

We receive this offering December through March of each year. Our current goal is \$8,000 and we have surpassed it! To date, you have given \$8,318.18 in support of the missions' ministry of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Well done, church! One hundred percent of your gifts to the Global Missions Offering support the long-term presence of missionaries around the world. This includes the ministry of LaCount and Anna Anderson right here in Ahoskie.

✠ 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.

☒ Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12, 2023

On Saturday evening, March 11, 2023, set your clocks forward one hour in preparation for Daylight Saving Time which begins the morning of March 12, 2023.

☒ Volunteer Opportunities

The Meals on Wheels and the Ahoskie Food Pantry ministries need volunteers. If you'd like to help with Meals on Wheels, contact Jayne Frei. For the Ahoskie Food Pantry, contact Vicky Overman. And if you'd like to help with the Christian Women's Job Corps ministry, contact Pat Byrd.

☒ This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 5 | *The Second Sunday in Lent*

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

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

Monday, March 6

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 AM Woman's Missionary Union | Groups 2 & 4

Wednesday, March 8

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

6:15 PM Lenten Homily & Communion

6:15 PM Youth Gathering, *FBCA Annex*

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, March 10

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

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