

# BLESSED to be a BLESSING

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The Worship of God ✠ June 11, 2023 ✠ The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 11, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Perry and Miss Sarah Newbern, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brayden Conboy

We come this day to worship God.

Therefore, gathered here, we proclaim:

**Surely God is in this place!**

We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

**Surely God is in this place!**

We come to know more surely the breadth of God's love for us.

**Surely God is in this place!**

We come to open ourselves to God's guiding Spirit.

**Surely God is in this place!**

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Therefore, gathered here, we proclaim:

**Surely God is in this place!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Conboy

+HYMN OF PRAISE 295    *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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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.**

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON    Romans 4:13, 16-25

Mrs. Elizabeth Craft

In Pew Bible, page 188 of New Testament

*Read from the New Living Translation*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 625

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Suzanne Newbern

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Word of God, Speak*  
Brayden Conboy, Soloist

Peter Kipley & Bart Millard  
arr. by David Shippis

*Word of God, speak.  
Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty?  
To be still and know that You're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.  
Word of God, speak.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Genesis 12:1-9  
In Pew Bible, page 12 of Old Testament

Rev. Thompson

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

SERMON

*You Will Be a Blessing*

Rev. Thompson

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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 490      *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

HENDON

+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.*

## RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

## POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are from the June 10, 2023, wedding of Ruthie Daniels & Nathan Rowe. May their beauty enhance our worship of God today.*

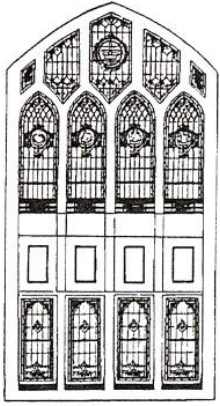
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### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Mr. Brayden Conboy  
*CBF Student Church Summer Intern*

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*  
Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Pianist*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

June 11, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

*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.*

*We are currently in the early days of the season called "Ordinary Time." Rather than meaning "common" or "mundane," this term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means counted time (First Sunday after Pentecost, etc.). Counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday before the beginning of Advent).*

*The 33 or 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time after Pentecost are used to focus on various aspects of the Faith, especially the mission of the church in the world. The color for Ordinary Time is green which is traditionally associated with new life and growth. In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection.*

## ✦ Childcare During Worship

*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*

## ✦ Church Conference | Today

*Our Deacons' appointed Rev. Anita Thompson as Temporary Interim Pastor effective June 1, 2023. Today, the membership will participate in a church conference immediately following morning worship. A vote will be taken on the Deacons' recommendation that Rev. Thompson serve as Temporary Interim Pastor until a full time Interim Pastor can be employed.*

## ✦ Vacation Bible School 2023 | July 24-27

*4:45 PM-7:45 PM | Age 3 (by 8/31/21) through Completed Grade 5*

*Our Children's Ministry Council has begun recruiting leaders for this summer's Vacation Bible School. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with a Children's Ministry Council member, or contact Rev. Thompson. Council members are Elizabeth Davis, Anna Dawson, J.C. Doughtie, Claire Harrell, Suzanne Newbern, and Lee Taylor Rose.*

## ✂ Passport Kids Camp | June 14-17, 2023

*This Wednesday, three 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls, Madison Alexander, Sophia Byrd, and Addison Lane, will depart for Passport Kids Camp at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA. Mrs. Linda Alexander and Rev. Anita Thompson will chaperone.*

## ✂ This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, June 11

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, June 12

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, June 14

8:30 AM Passport Kids Camp Departure for Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 15

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, FBCA Fellowship Hall

### Friday, June 16

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

## ✂ CBF National Student.Church | Brayden Conboy, FBCA Intern

*Student.Church provides congregational internships to students who are interested in a deeper experience of church life or pursuing a call to ministry. Interns are mentored by seasoned ministers as they explore the breadth of congregational ministry through a variety of learning experiences. Brayden Conboy, FBCA member and a rising junior at Chowan University, will serve as our Student.Church Intern for 10 weeks, beginning June 4, 2023. Let us pray for him and for our church as we partner in ministry together.*