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GENTLENESS
SELF CONTROL

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The Worship of God ✠ July 2, 2023 ✠ The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 2, 2023 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 5th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Jennifer Byrd and Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Rick Burns

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
the One who is, who was, and is to come. *(Rev. 1:8)*

We come to worship the One who rules justly. *(2 Samuel 23:3)*

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! *(Rev. 1:5)*

Bread of Heaven, God with us! *(John 6:51, Mt. 1:23)*

Good Shepherd, True Vine! *(John 10:11, John 15:1)*

Eternal Word, Great I AM. *(John 1, John 8:58)*

Wonderful Counselor,

Prince of Peace! *(Isaiah 9:6)*

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! *(Rev. 19.16)*

To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. *(Rev. 1:6)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Burns

+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

2 Chronicles 7:14

Mrs. Jamie Burns

In Pew Bible, page 487 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 Gracious God, we thank You today for the nation in which we live,
and for the freedoms which are ours. We recognize that true freedom comes through You, that
our ultimate loyalty belongs to You, and that our true identity is bestowed upon us by You.
Every day is a gift, every breath a moment to give You praise, every hour one in which to live
what You command.

**Save us from destructive attitudes and behaviors,
and help us to mature into Christ followers who bear the fruit of Your spirit.**

Where we are guided by prejudice, **fill us with love.**
Where we are guided by pessimism, **fill us with joy.**
Where we are guided by misunderstanding, **fill us with peace.**
Where we are guided by superficial quick fixes, **fill us with patience.**
Where we are guided by self-interest, **fill us with kindness.**
Where we are guided by apathy, **fill us with goodness.**
Where we are guided by convenience, **fill us with faithfulness.**
Where we are guided by complacency, **fill us with meekness.**
Where we are guided by temptation, **fill us with self-control.**

As we approach the birthday of our nation,
we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this land:
**the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;
the ability to speak what is on our minds,
and the freedom to worship in our chosen traditions.**

Help us to recognize that such marks of human dignity are for all people,
**and that You, O Lord, love and value every person and
place You have made.**

May our patriotism be subject to Your law, O God,
our loyalty to country never higher than our obedience to Your will,
**our pride of nation always secondary
to our humble attempts to live the way of Christ.**

Knowing that You are Alpha and Omega,
we ask for the wisdom to properly order all else.
This is our prayer offered in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

All Sing: *God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Burns

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 705

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.

GLORIA PATRI (Greateorex)

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:13-26
In Pew Bible, pages 232-233 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

Mr. Brayden Conboy

SERMON

No Root, No Fruit

Mr. Conboy

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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 499

I Surrender All

SURRENDER

+BENEDICTION

+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.

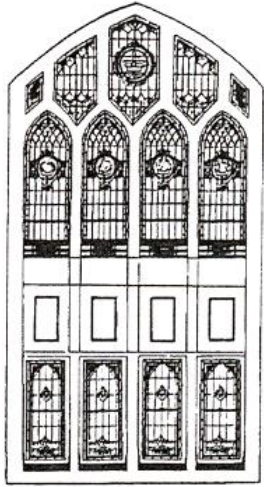
RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by the Magette Family to the glory of God and in honor of our loving church family.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 2, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

◆ **Guest Pianist** ~ Our pianist, Leah Newsome, is on vacation today. We are delighted to welcome Linda Callis Bazemore to serve in Leah's stead.

◆ **Student.Church Intern** ~ Brayden Conboy, our Student.Church Intern is preaching today. A native of Suffolk, VA, Brayden is a Senior at Chowan University.

◆ 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

◆ **Church Season** ~ 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 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.

✠ Church Offices Closed July 4

The church offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

✠ Passport Youth Camp | July 9-14 | Converse University, Spartanburg, SC

Lily Ann Brinkley, Liza Pierce & Katie Vaughan; Winnie Matthews & Ashlee' Perry, Chaperones

✠ Passport Kids Camp | July 10-13 | St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC

Bennett Pierce, Dempsey Pierce, Henry Pierce & Gates Vaughan; Brayden Conboy, Chaperone

✠ Church Leadership for 2023-2024 Church Year

During the summer months, our Nominating Committee begins the process of matching your gifts with places of service so that, when the new church year begins on September 1, 2023, all our leadership and committee positions will be filled with folks who find joy in serving.

You're invited to pray about how you may serve in this new church year. Can you see yourself serving on any of the following committees?

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| •Audio & Visual Services | •Music |
| •Bereavement | •Security |
| •Building & Grounds | •Senior Adult Ministry |
| •Children's Ministry Council | •Technology |
| •Development | •Traveling Samaritans |
| •Finance | •Ushers/Greeters |
| •Hostess | •Wedding |
| •Investments/Endowment | •Worship Decorating |
| •Missions | •Youth Ministry Council |

Or would you enjoy teaching our preschoolers, grade school children, or middle school and high school students? Sunday School teachers are needed for all of these age groups. We also need persons to provide childcare during worship. Thanks be to God for the gift of so many children in our midst.

✠ 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 is recruiting leaders for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with a Children's Ministry Council member: Elizabeth Davis, Anna Dawson, J.C. Doughtie, Claire Harrell, Suzanne Newbern, and Lee Taylor Rose.

***VBS Registration** forms have been emailed to parents. Please share with other families. Contact Rev. Thompson or the office if you have not received a registration form or if you would like a printed copy.*

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