

**Come to me,
all who labor and
are heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28

The Worship of God ✦ July 9, 2023 ✦ The 6th 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 9, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 6th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Mr. Brayden Conboy

CHIMING OF THE HOUR & PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Bennett Pierce and Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Matthew 11:28-30

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

We have gathered in this place to worship,

because Jesus invites us to come.

We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures,

because Jesus invites us to come.

We come with what we have,
bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

because Jesus invites us to come.

“Come to me,” Jesus says, “all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

INTROIT

Assurance
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Ness Beck

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Umphlett

+HYMN OF PRAISE 597

He Keeps Me Singing
Stanzas 1 & 4

SWEETEST NAME

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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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a
In Pew Bible, page 191 of New Testament

Mrs. Nancy Freeman

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mr. Conboy

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 145:8-9

Mr. Conboy

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

Through our LORD, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 597

He Keeps Me Singing

SWEETEST NAME

Stanza 2

✂ ✂ ✂

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 145:1-4, 10-13

Mrs. Freeman

In Pew Bible, page 7104 of Old Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 597

He Keeps Me Singing

SWEETEST NAME

Stanza 3

✂ ✂ ✂

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Thompson

In Pew Bible, page 14 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Generation to Generation

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 607 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

HYFRYDOL

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Conboy

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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+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

PIANO 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 Ernie and Austine Evans.

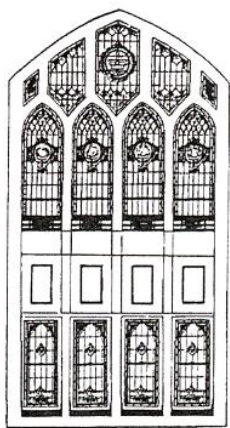
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Mr. Brayden Conboy
CBF Student Church Summer Intern

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Temporary Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 9, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

♦ **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.

♦ 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

✠ Prayer Prompt for The Gathering Place Ministries | New Participants

The Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps (RCCWJC) began a new class on Friday, June 30. You're invited to pray for these new participants as God invites them into a committed relationship with Him. Pray also for their leaders who will help them meet their goals and work toward self-sufficiency and independence.

✠ 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?

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

***VBS Registration** forms are available in digital or printed format. Contact Rev. Thompson or the office if you would like a copy.*

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.

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