



The Worship of God ✠ August 6, 2023 ✠ The 10<sup>th</sup> 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

August 6, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 55:1-5

Mr. Don Joyner

Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

If you have no money but you're hungry,  
come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.

**Why do we spend money on what does not nourish us?**

Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

**We can do this! Our Covenant God will raise us up,  
transform us, and make us shine!**

INTROIT

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

The Sanctuary Choir

See hymn 458 for the text.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 467

*We Are One in Christ*

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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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ms. Betty Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 838 of Old Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+HYMN 642

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
Stanzas 1 & 2

NEAR THE CROSS

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Ms. B. Joyner

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Matthew 14:13-21  
In Pew Bible, page 19 of New Testament

Rev. Thompson

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

SERMON

*Bread of Heaven*

Rev. Thompson

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THE PSALM      Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
In Pew Bible, pages 714 & 715 of Old Testament

Mr. Scott Outlaw

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Meditative music offered by Rick Burns, Guitarist*

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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 33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

+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.*

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 and in loving memory of our nephew and cousin, Fletcher Pierce, by Mary Page, Walt, Dempsey, Stuart, and Libby Pierce.*

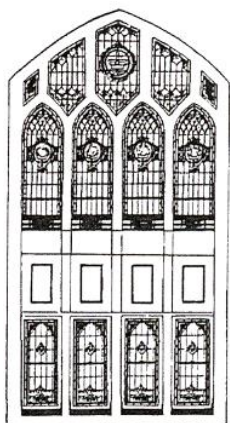
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Temporary Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
Pastor Emeritus



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 6, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ 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: Nancy Baker & Judy H. Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

## ✠ Church Staff News

Rev. Anita Thompson will be on vacation August 7—13. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore will preach for us on Sunday, August 13.

## ✠ Worship Leaders

We love to involve everyone who is willing in Sunday morning worship leadership. Though we know many who love to serve in this way, your church staff is wondering who else might be interested. We don't want to leave anyone out! So, if you are interested, please contact Jessica Pyle, Communications Coordinator, in the church office.

## ✠ Nominating Committee

Meets today at 2:00 PM in Room 103.

## ✠ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Bess Leary who died on August 2, 2023.

## ✠ 2023-2024 School Year

*Beginning Thursday, August 3, our children and youth began the back-to-school process. In the list below, we hope we've included all the schools our students attend. If we've missed one, please do let us know. We hope you'll use this list to pray for our students, their teachers, staff, and administrators. May the 2023-2024 School Year be filled with blessings.*

- ♦ Hertford County Early College High School | August 3
- ♦ Ridgecroft School | August 9
- ♦ Southampton Academy, Courtland | August 16
- ♦ Lawrence Academy | August 22
- ♦ Gates County Schools | August 28
- ♦ Hertford County Traditional Schools | August 28

## ✠ Looking Ahead

### ♦ Wednesday, August 16

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume.

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble rehearsals resume.

### ♦ Wednesday, August 23

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions resume.

### ♦ Sunday, August 27

9:45 PM Sunday School promotion for children & youth.

11:00 AM Bible Presentations: Grades 1 & 6 students, and  
Blessing of the Backpacks for all students.

### ♦ Friday, September 1

#### New Church Year Begins

*Church leadership as found in the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee report begins their service.*