

The Worship of God ✠ August 13, 2023 ✠ The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 13, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Mr. Scott Outlaw, Deacon Chair

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Perry Newbern & Miss Sarah Newbern, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

Mrs. Melissa Pasek

SOLO

*How Great Thou Art*  
Vicky Overman, Soloist

arr. Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Pasek

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You,  
hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise.

**Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may celebrate Your glory  
and worship You in spirit and in truth.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.  
**Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 344

*Glorious Is Thy Name*

GLORIOUS NAME

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

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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EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Mr. Bruce Pasek

In Pew Bible, page 242 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO PRAYER

Hymn 383

*Near to the Heart of God*

McAFEE

Stanza 2

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God.  
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.  
Oh Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer for Our Schools

Dr. Bazemore

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## +HYMN 376

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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## +PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Pasek

## OFFERTORY

## +DOXOLOGY – Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest)

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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## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:18-22

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 4 of New Testament

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

## SERMON

*Ordinary People for Extraordinary Service*

Dr. Bazemore

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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 477 *We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## +BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

## +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 and in memory of Jake and Mary Lee Bullock and Eston E. and Viola B. Futrell by Earl, Linda & April Futrell & Austin Yeager.*

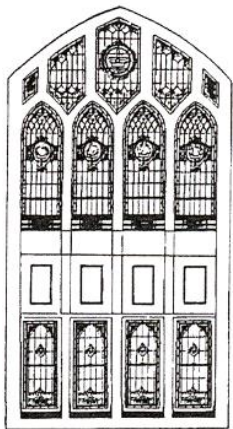
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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

August 13, 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 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, Ben & Leah Woodard

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

## ✠ Worship Leaders

We want 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, in the church office.

## ✠ Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee would like to be sure they have contacted everyone who is interested in serving. If you have not been contacted, please contact one of the following committee members: Charles Freeman, Debbie Greene, Claudia Morris, Peggy Springfield, Mary Ann Umphlett, or Andy Woodard.

## ✠ Church Staff News

Rev. Anita Thompson has been on vacation and will return to the office tomorrow. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore who is preaching for us today.

## ✠ 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

## ✠ Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Churchwide Project

*We hope to collect 20 new double/full sized sheet sets for the Chowan University's international students. Please bring donations to FBC Ahoskie and place them in the closet across from the kitchen. Contact Claire Presley at (252) 287-6132 if you have any questions.*

## ✠ 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.*

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