



The Worship of God ✦ October 8, 2023 ✦ The 19th 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

October 8, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 19th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

From 1 John 4

Mr. Brayden Conboy

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God

but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,

we also ought to love one another.

INTROIT

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place
Chairo

Mark Miller

There's a spirit of love in this place.

You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless Your holy name.

There's the presence of peace in this room.

In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless Your holy name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Conboy

+HYMN OF PRAISE 344

Glorious Is Thy Name

GLORIOUS 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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 103:1-13

Mrs. Cheryl Slachta

In Pew Bible, page 681 of Old Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BEACH SPRING

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word;
and our lives would be loving in the likeness of our Lord.

+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Slachta

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

**May we give and count not the cost,
and may we love without boundaries and stipulations.**

**As we are transformed by Your love, O Lord,
so may our gifts and our lives transform our world. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 87 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Questioned by a Lawyer – Love of Neighbor

Dr. Bazemore



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 272 *They'll Know We are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

+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.

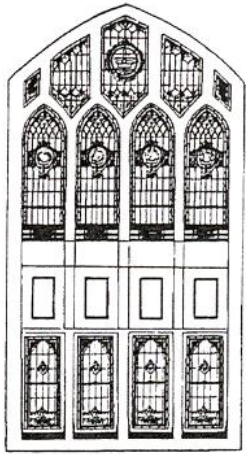
Today's altar flowers are given by Emily and Graham Johnson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Frances and Ernie Johnson, and Becky Wines.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Brayden Conboy
Youth Minister



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

October 8, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

♦ **The Christian Year** – We are continuing our journey through the season of Ordinary Time, concentrating on our growth as disciples of Jesus and as a church. During this season we will observe All Saints Sunday on November 5. The Christian Year ends with Christ the King Sunday on November 26.

✠ 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: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

✠ Wednesday Night Schedule | Begins October 11, 2023

5:15—6:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•Prayer Meeting—Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15—7:00 PM Meal is served.

7:00—8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

8:00—8:45 PM Vocal Ensemble

Meal Costs: Adults \$8 Children (Ages 3-12) \$4

Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Congealed Salad, Biscuits, Cake, Water and Tea.

Please note the revised schedule. Meal reservations are required by noon on Tuesdays. They may be made on a weekly or permanent basis. To make your reservation, place each name on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the second-floor hallway or call the church office at (252) 332-4003.

✠ 2024 Deacon Nominations

Resident church members will soon receive mailed information about the 2023 deacon election process. A list of those eligible to serve will be included. Members are invited to prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2023. Those who prefer not to serve at this time may call the church office and request your name be removed from consideration. Please call by October 9, 2022. Deacon nominations will take place on October 15; confirmation on December 10.

✠ Fall Picnic | October 15, 2023

The deacons will host a picnic for the entire church family on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Please gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM.

✘ Women's Bible Study | 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 10:30 AM

A Women's Bible Study began on September 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying "Bad Girls of the Bible," by Liz Curtis Higgs. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Invite your friends—it's not just for FBCA women! Questions? Contact Jayne Frei at (757) 478-6194.

✘ This Week

◆ Monday, October 9

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

◆ Wednesday, October 11

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•Prayer Meeting—Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

◆ Thursday, October 12

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*

✘ Looking Ahead

◆ Monday, October 16

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

◆ Tuesday, October 17

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

◆ Sunday, October 29

11:00 AM Children's Sabbath

6:00 PM Trunk or Treat

◆ Sunday, December 17

11:00 AM Christmas Cantata

6:00 PM Christmas Cantata

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