



—walk worthy—

The Worship of God ✦ October 22, 2023 ✦ The 21st 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 22, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 21st 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

Mrs. Kay Byrd & Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 145

Dr. Linda Alexander

Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,

His mighty acts throughout history:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us;

His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's pass these stories along so that others may come to know and love our God.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 7

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

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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.**

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 234 & 235 of New Testament

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

thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ANTHEM

Above All

arr. Camp Kirkland & Jay Rouse

Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things,
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were there before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known,
above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall
and thought of me above all.

- Paul Baloche & Lenny Le Blanc

+HYMN 581

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Conboy

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.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:27

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 240 of New Testament

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SERMON

Conduct: Worthy of the Gospel

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 71

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

+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 by Jim & Dana Wiggins in memory of their parents, Bill & Ann Cullifer, and C.D. & Doris Wiggins.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

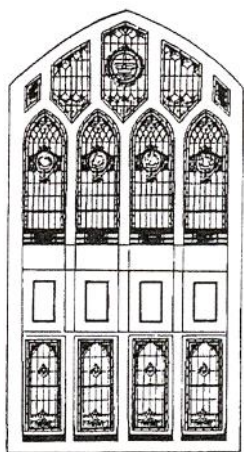
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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 22, 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: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: Volunteers needed.

✠ Youth Group Gathering | Beechwood Country Club | October 22, 2023 | 4 PM

Youth (Grades 6-12) will meet at E9 at Beechwood for recreation. A pizza supper will be served at 6 PM. Contact Brayden Conboy, FBCA Youth Minister, at (757) 633-1278.

✠ Children's Sabbath | Sunday, October 29 | 11 AM

Children's Sabbath is our annual worship service led almost entirely by our children. The Music Friends (age 3 – K), and the Children Choristers (grades 1-5) will sing. This year's theme is "The Beatitudes: Blessings for a Joyful Journey."

✠ Trunk or Treat Trunk | Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 6 PM

In order for us to provide our annual Trunk or Treat we need approximately three more trunks. If you are willing to provide a trunk, please speak with Rev. Thompson today.

✠ 2024 Deacon Nomination Results

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, resident church members nominated persons to serve as deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024. The top five nominees who have agreed to serve are: Heath Britt, Alex Britton, Brian Outlaw, Claire Presley, and Penny Rose. On Sunday, December 10, 2023, members will have the opportunity to confirm these nominees. Please offer them your thanks for their willingness to serve our church in this important role.

✠ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection | November 13-19, 2023

Our church goal is 100 boxes. Let's help share the Good News through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. Boxes are due at First Baptist Church between November 13-19, 2023. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC Ahoskie.

✠ Wednesday Night Schedule

- 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

Meal reservations are required by noon on Tuesdays. You may do so by calling the church office, signing up on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor hallway, responding to the weekly Facebook post, or by the reservation form in Sunday's worship bulletin. Be sure to include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. If you make a standing reservation, you do not need to reserve your place each week. Takeout plates will not be provided.

✠ This Week

♦ Monday, October 23

- 3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

♦ Monday, October 24

- 6:00 PM Finance Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

♦ Wednesday, October 25

- 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 26

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee

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