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The Worship of God ✠ November 5, 2023 ✠ All Saints' Sunday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 5, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: All Saints' Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Greg Barmer

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him! Alleluia!

INTROIT

The Heavens are Telling
The Vocal Ensemble

Mark Patterson

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of God's own hand.
Day by day they speak God's praise,
and night into night the skies unveil their knowledge;
the splendor of God revealed to us.
All creation gladly proclaims the majesty of God.
As the sun lights the heavens, God's glory shines!
And all behold the majesty of God! - Based on Psalm 19

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Barmer

+HYMN OF PRAISE 323

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. 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.**



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, page 303 of New Testament

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

thanks be to God.

IN MEMORIAM *November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023*

Dr. Bazemore

Janet Fishel
March 14, 2023

Malcolm Copeland
April 21, 2023

Bess Leary
August 2, 2023

Phil Sisler
April 2, 2023

Joe Williams
July 12, 2023

Violet Williams
August 11, 2023

LuAnn Joyner
April 7, 2023

Ed Robert Evans
August 19, 2023

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Bazemore

HYMN 561

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Please remain seated.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13
In Pew Bible, page 322 of Old Testament

Dr. Bazemore

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SERMON *A Good Look at One's Heart*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

Dr. Bazemore

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 507 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

WORK

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PIANO POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

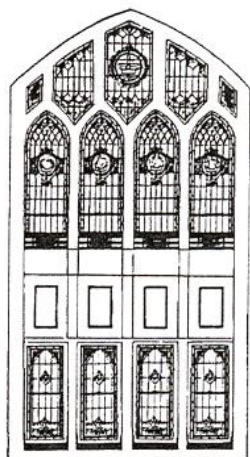
Today's altar arrangements are presented for the glory of God by the Worship Decorating Committee.

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

November 5, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

Each year on the first Sunday of November we observe All Saints' Sunday, a day on which we remember and honor the lives of our saints who have gone on to be with the Lord since the last All Saints' observance. In our remembering, we, the living, are reminded of our own baptism into the communion of saints. May we live a life worthy of the calling.

✠ Guest Church Musician | November 5 & 19, 2023

While Rev. Anita Thompson is away participating in a Civil Rights Pilgrimage with the Upper Room's Academy for Spiritual Formation, Rev. Dr. Greg Barmer will assist with worship leadership in her stead. Dr. Barmer is a Bertie County native who recently retired from the pastorate of FBC Washington, NC. Prior to serving the church as pastor, he served 20+ years as Minister of Music.

✠ Childcare During Worship

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Ages 1 & 2: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✠ 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.

Monday, November 13 | 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Friday, November 17 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon

Tuesday, November 14 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon

Saturday, November 18 | 10:00 AM to 12 noon

Wednesday, November 15 | 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 19 | 2:30 PM to 6 PM

Thursday, November 16 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon

✠ 2024 Budget Process

Budget Presented to Deacons | Tuesday, November 14 | 7:00 PM

Churchwide Discussion (without vote) | Wednesday, November 29 | 5:15 PM

Churchwide Vote (without discussion) | Sunday, December 3 | 11:00 AM

❖ 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 Christmas 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. If you make a standing reservation, you do not need to reserve your place each week, but please let the church office know if you need to cancel.

❖ Trunk or Treat | Thank You!

Last Sunday evening we enjoyed a fun time trick or treating during our annual Trunk or Treat. We offer our thanks to those who decorated the 15 trunks (and themselves!), and to the parents and grandparents who brought the dragons and dinosaurs, the cheerleaders and ball players, the celebrity impersonators and television/movie characters, the princesses and the cowboys, and a host of other Halloween visitors. It was a great night.

❖ This Week

♦ Monday, November 6

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

♦ Tuesday, November 7

10:00 AM WMU Group 4

♦ Wednesday, November 8

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

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

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

♦ Thursday, November 9

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

♦ Friday, November 10

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, The Gathering Place

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