



The Worship of God ✦ November 12, 2023 ✦ The 24th 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

November 12, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Twenty-Fourth Day after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry Pierce and Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Rev. Anita Thompson

Bennett Franklin Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 449 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Ms. Betty Joyner

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 Psalm 103

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 681 & 682 of Old Testament

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

thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name
Chairo

Keith Hampton

Sing 'til the power of the Lord come down. Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name.

+HYMN 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Stanza 1

JOYFUL SONG

+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

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 Matthew 9:35-10:8

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 11 & 12 of New Testament

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

SERMON

An Opportunity for Harvest

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 269 *We All Are One in Mission*

AURELIA

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
so every land and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

+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

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, celebrating Bennett Pierce's baptism, and in loving memory of Fletcher Pierce by Sandra and Stuart Pierce and family.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

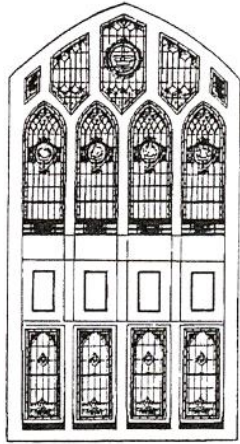
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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 12, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

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. This year, Christ the King Sunday falls 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

✠ Guest Church Musician | November 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.

✠ 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 Meal | November 15, 2023

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

Menu: *Roasted turkey with dressing and gravy, green beans, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and tea or water.*

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 located at each sanctuary exit. 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.

✘ This Week

♦ Monday, November 13

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

♦ Tuesday, November 14

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

♦ Wednesday, November 15

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

♦ Friday, November 17

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

✘ Upcoming

♦ Monday, November 20

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Meeting

♦ Wednesday, November 22

No Wednesday Night Activities

♦ Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24

Church offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

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