



The Worship of God ✦ November 19, 2023 ✦ The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 19, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Greg Barmer

INTROIT

*We Gather Together*  
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Edwards

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Barmer

+HYMN OF PRAISE 372

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOW

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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.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

From Psalm 118

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 694 - 696 of Old Testament

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**His faithful love endures forever.**

Let all Israel repeat:

**"His faithful love endures forever."**

Let Aaron's descendants, the priests, repeat:

**"His faithful love endures forever."**

Let all who fear the LORD repeat:

**"His faithful love endures forever."**

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
**and I will go in and thank the LORD.**  
These gates lead to the presence of the LORD, and the godly enter there.  
**I thank You for answering my prayer and giving me victory!**

You are my God, and I will praise you!  
**You are my God, and I will exalt you!**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
**His faithful love endures forever.**

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

+HYMN 373 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

+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 Ephesians 1:15-23 Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 234 & 235 of New Testament

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

SERMON *Thanksgiving 2023* 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 371 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

+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, in honor of Dot Newsome and in memory of Bob Newsome by Sandra Sheckells and Beth Nelson.*

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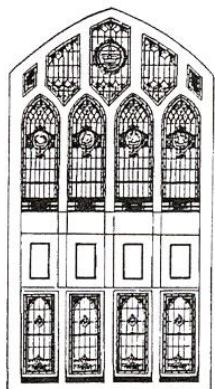
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Music Associate/Pianist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 19, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ 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.*

## ✦ Guest Church Musician | November 19, 2023

*While Rev. Anita Thompson is away on a Thriving in Ministry retreat, 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: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta*

*Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell*

*Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum*

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

*Today is the last day to bring your shoeboxes to FBCA. Melanie Byrum, our OCC Coordinator, will be in the fellowship hall today from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.*

## ✦ 2024 Budget Process

*Budget was Presented to and Approved by Deacons | Tuesday, November 14*

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

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

## ✦ Wednesday Night Meal & Ministries

*In preparation for the November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no Wednesday evening meal or activities on November 22.*

## ✦ Pastor Search Committee

*Let us pray daily for our Pastor Search Committee as they seek God's guidance in discerning who our next pastor will be. Committee members are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee' Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson.*

## ✦ Thank You Notes

*We have recently received thank you notes from Easter Seals, the Ahoskie Food Pantry, and Chowan University International students and their leader, Jill Awuni. They are located on the bulletin board outside the main office.*

## ✂ This Week

### ♦ Monday, November 20

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

### ♦ Wednesday, November 22

No afternoon or evening activities.

### ♦ Thursday, November 23 | *Happy Thanksgiving*

Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

### ♦ Friday, November 24

Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

## ✂ Looking Ahead

### ♦ Sunday, December 17

11:00 AM Christmas Cantata

6:00 PM Christmas Cantata | Christmas Cookie Fellowship follows.