

Christ the King



The Worship of God ✠ November 26, 2023 ✠ Christ the King 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 26, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Christ the King Sunday*

We began the seasons of the Christian Year with anticipation, and we end them declaring a certainty. In Advent, we waited for the needed and longed-for definitive and ultimate self-disclosure of God in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. On Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate the fulfillment of the biblical revelation of God in Christ.

Throughout the Christian Year, the church has listened to, reflected upon, rehearsed in worship, and tried to live, in daily experience, the redemption story. We come away from this last Sunday of the Christian Year soaked to the core in the revelation of God in Christ, declaring once again, Jesus Christ is Lord. – A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Heath & Miss Adalyn Britt, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Austine Evans

Come to worship Jesus Christ,
the Alpha and Omega,
the One who is, who was, and is to come. (*Rev. 1:8*)
We come to worship the One who rules justly. (*2 Samuel 23:34*)

Come to worship Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead.
We come to worship the ruler of the kings of the earth! (*Rev. 1:5*)

He is the Bread of Heaven, God with us! (*John 6:51, Mt. 1:23*)
Good Shepherd, True Vine! (*John 10:11, John 15:1*)
He is the Eternal Word, the Great I AM. (*John 1, John 8:58*)
Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (*Isaiah 9:6*)

Come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (*Rev. 19:16*)
To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (*Rev. 1:6*)

+CHORUS 208

He is Lord
Sung through twice.

HE IS LORD

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Evans

+HYMN OF PRAISE 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. 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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 96:7-13

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 677 of Old Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 348

Shout to the Lord

SHOUT TO THE LORD

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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 Revelation 5:11-14

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, 301 of New Testament

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

SERMON

He is Worthy of Our Worship

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 7 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

+BENEDICTION Dr. Bazemore

+CHORAL RESPONSE *Ascription of Praise* David Schwoebel
The Vocal Ensemble

*Now to Him who's able to keep you from falling,
and to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory.
With rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, majesty, dominion, and the authority, before all time.
Now and forever. Amen. – Based on Jude 1:24-25*

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT & PIANO POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

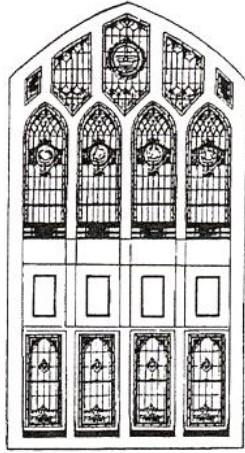
Today's altar arrangements are given to the glory of God by the Worship Decorating Committee.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 26, 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.

Today we mark the end of the 2022-2023 Christian Year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Next Sunday, December 3, we will begin the 2023-2024 Christian Year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

✦ 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

✦ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection 2023

We offer our thanks to Melanie Byrum for serving once again as our OCC Coordinator. She plans, organizes, and facilitates the receipt of shoeboxes from all over our community, then packs and loads them into a trailer to be transported to the next drop off point. Thank you, Melanie, for your leadership!

✦ 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

✦ 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.

✂ Wednesday Night Meal | November 29, 2023

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

Menu: *Baked Potato Bar, Carrots & Celery Sticks, Crackers, Dessert Bars, and tea or water.*

Meal reservations are required by noon on Tuesdays. 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.

✂ Thank You Notes

We have received a thank you note from Jesse & Mary Anne Croom. It is located on the bulletin board outside the main office.

✂ This Week

♦ Sunday, November 26

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chair Music Ensemble Rehearsal

2:30 PM Christmas Choir

4:00 PM Pastor Search Committee Meeting

♦ Monday, November 27

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

♦ Wednesday, November 29

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•2024 Budget Discussion for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

♦ Friday, December 1

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

✂ Looking Ahead

♦ Sunday, December 17

11:00 AM Christmas Cantata

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

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