



The Worship of God ✠ January 28, 2024 ✠ The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 28, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Bennett Pierce and Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP      Based on Psalm 19

Mrs. Nancy Freeman

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**May our worship reflect God's glory.**

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation profess our love of God.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to You, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

ANTHEM

*The Heavens are Telling*  
The Vocal Ensemble

Mark Patterson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Freeman

+HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is My Father's World*  
See page 3.

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# This Is My Father's World

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth — Genesis 1:1 NIV*

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears, All  
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise; The  
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world, I rest me in the thought Of  
This is my Fa - ther's world, He shines in all that's fair; In the  
This is my Fa - ther's world, The bat - tle is not done; Je - .

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.  
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav - en be one.

## 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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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19

Mrs. Austine Evans

In Pew Bible, pages 613 and 614 of Old Testament

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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4)

+HYMN 427

*We've a Story to Tell*

MESSAGE

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Evans

## PIANO OFFERTORY

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn 156

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* – Stanza 1

SHINE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:5-13

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 220 of New Testament

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SERMON

*How Good News Travels*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 581 *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

+BENEDICTION

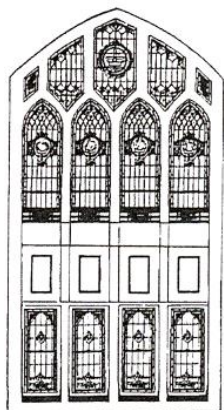
Dr. Bazemore

PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Gene & Jo Ann Herring to the glory of God and in honor of our great nieces, Allie & Avery Byrum.*

*Please pardon our mistake in the January 21, 2024 bulletin. The altar flowers were given to the glory of God by Vicky Overman.*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

January 28, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

♦ **The Christian Year** – 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.

We are currently into the fourth week of the Season of Epiphany which will climax on February 11, 2024, as we observe the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). The following Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent, gathering for a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service.

♦ 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

## ✠ Wednesday Night Meal | January 31, 2024

To make your reservation ... ♦ Sign up on the bulletin board in the second-floor hallway, or  
♦ Respond to the Facebook post, or  
♦ Call the church office.

Include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. **Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Tuesday.** Hospitality Committee members, please remember to make your reservations. Meal Costs are Adults \$8 and Children eat free.

## ✠ Valentine's Banquet | Saturday, February 10, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Adult members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend our Valentine's Banquet. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and the meal will include Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, red velvet cake and tea or water. Childcare will be provided. Reservations must be made by noon on February 6.

## ❖ Youth Super Bowl Party | February 11, 2024

6:00 PM - Half Time | Fellowship Hall

*Students in grades 6-12 are invited. Please Bring a snack to share! Bring a drink to share! Bring a friend! We will bring the pizza! Pick up youth at half time. Please RSVP with Jamie Burns at (252)332-9461.*

## ❖ WMU Churchwide Mission Project

*FBCA is collecting the following items for the three assisted living/rehab centers in our association through the end of February:*

- Toothpaste    • Tissues    • Body Wash    • After Shave    • Lotion    • Cologne/Perfume
- Hand Soap    • Mouthwash    • Paper Towels    • Band-Aids    • Clothes    • Dawn Dish Soap
- Clothes Detergent    • Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Cloths (white only)
- Decorations (for doors & rooms)    • Cleaning Supplies (bleach, Lysol, Windex, Clorox wipes)
- Drinks (apple/grape juice, Gatorade, ginger ale, etc.)
- Individually Wrapped Snacks (chips, cakes, cookies, chocolates, soft mints, please include sugar free options)

## ❖ This Week

### ♦ Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chair Music Ensemble, Choir Room

### ♦ Monday, January 29, 2024

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, Jenni Byrd, Leader

### ♦ Wednesday, January 31

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

### ♦ Friday, February 2

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

### ♦ Saturday, February 3

Fellowship Hall Reserved for Baby Shower

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