

The Worship of God ✦ February 4, 2024 ✦ The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 4, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss. Lily Ann Brinkley and Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

From 1 John 4

Ms. Betty Joyner

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

**God sent His only Son into the world  
so that we might live through Him.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us  
and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
**we also ought to love one another.**

INTROIT

*There's a Spirit of Love in This Place*  
Chairo

Mark Miller

*There's a spirit of love in this place.*

*You can't see it, but it's there just as precious as the air.*

*O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless Your holy name.*

*There's a spirit of love in this place.*

*There's the presence of peace in this room.*

*In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds.*

*O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless Your holy name.*

*There's the presence of peace in this room.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ms. Joyner

+HYMN OF PRAISE 241      *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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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 119:33-40

Mrs. Jayne Frei

In Pew Bible, page 697 of Old Testament

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

**thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

+HYMN 38

*Thy Word*

THY WORD

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Frei

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      Luke 4:14-30

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 74 & 75 of New Testament

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**thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Not the Sermon You Expect!*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 280 *Speak, O Lord*

SPEAK, O LORD

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

RESPONSE

*We Will Walk with God*  
Chair Music Ensemble

African Praise Song

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the Kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the Kingdom has come.

PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of LuAnn W. Joyner by Don Joyner and their children, Win & Elizabeth.*

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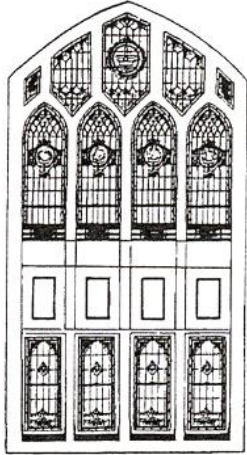
#### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

February 4, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

◆ **The Christian Year** – We are currently into the fifth 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 which will begin at 7:00 PM.

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

Ages 1 & 2: Bland & Nancy Baker

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

## ✦ Wednesday Night Meal | February 7, 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 (12 and under) \$4.

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

FBCA is hosting a Valentine's Banquet for adults. 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. Transportation for those who don't drive at night will be available. Contact the church office. 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 | Sponsor an International Child

The WMU is looking for sponsors to send international students to Camp Caraway & Mundo Vista to learn about Jesus. Boys Camp is June 17-21 and Girls Camp is June 24-28. The cost is \$400.00 per child. Please send contributions to FBCA and designate them to "International Students Camp." If you have any questions, please contact Claire Presley at (252) 287-6132.

## ✘ This Week

### ◆ Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble, *Choir Room*

### ◆ Monday, February 5

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, *Jenni Byrd, Leader*

### ◆ Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM Women's Missionary Union (WMU), Group 4

### ◆ Wednesday, February 7

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 9

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

## ✘ Church Office Hours

**Monday** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Staff Meeting* 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Tuesday** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Wednesday** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Thursday** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Friday** 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

◆ Jessica Pyle, *Communications Coordinator*, works M-F.

◆ Sharon Hill, *Financial Secretary*, works M-W.

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