



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ February 18, 2024 ✦ First Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 18, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Bruce Pasek

The God whom we worship calls us to discipleship:

to follow where Christ leads;

and obey what Christ commands;

to follow when it is not easy;

to follow when others think us foolish;

to follow where justice leads;

to follow where love guides us;

to follow even when it leads to the cross.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *The Cross*

Craig Courtney

The Vocal Ensemble

*The cross before me to lead, the cross behind me to defend,
The cross below me to uphold, the cross beside me to befriend.
The cross above me to inspire, the cross within me to consume,
O cross surround me with Your power, enfold my life, my soul, my all.*

*The cross each morning when I rise, the cross each evening while I sleep.
The cross I see before my eyes, the cross upon my lips I speak.
The cross be all that I would hear, the cross be all that I believe,
The cross be with me in this life, the cross be with me when I leave.*

*The cross before me, the cross behind me, the cross within me.
The cross is all I need.*

– Pamela Martin

+HYMN OF PRAISE 576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. Dennis 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 Psalm 25:1-10
In Pew Bible, page 618 of Old Testament

Mrs. Melissa Pasek

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymn 586

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Stanza 3

MOODY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Hymn 586

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Stanza 1

MOODY

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Pasek

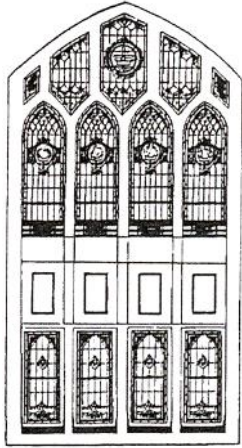
PIANO OFFERTORY

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 18, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ 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.*

Last Wednesday, February 14, we began the Season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. Today we continue that Lenten journey as we observe the first of the five Sundays in Lent.

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

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry and Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire and Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley and Sarah Grace Britton

✦ Wednesday Night Meal | February 21, 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 Tuesdays.** Meal Costs are Adults \$8 and Children (12 and under) \$4. Menu: Homemade chicken rice soup with crackers, ham and cheese sliders on Hawaiian rolls, pickles and chips, assorted cake slices, tea, and water.

✦ Suggestions for Lenten Observance

See Rev. Thompson if you would like to receive printed recommendations for ways you may observe the Season of Lent (February 14 – March 23.)

✦ 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.

✘ Benevolence Report

In January 2024, we were able to assist the following people with your gifts to the benevolence ministry:

- ◆ *partial rent for 5 people*
- ◆ *water bills for 2 people, one who had been without water for quite some time and has an infant in the home*
- ◆ *partial electric bills for 3 people*

Two other requests were made that we are currently trying to seek more information about before assisting. We have met some folks who are facing very difficult and challenging situations. Thank you for your support of people who are struggling in the community. Your gifts matter. - LaCount and Anna Anderson

✘ This Week

◆ Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble, *Choir Room*

◆ Monday, February 19

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Girl Scouts, *Jenni Byrd, Leader*
- 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

◆ Tuesday, February 20

- 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

◆ Wednesday, February 21

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ahoskie Woman's Club, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions
- Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for Adults & Youth
- 6:15 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

◆ Thursday, February 22

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*

◆ Friday, February 23

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

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