



THIRD SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 3, 2024 ✦ Third 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

March 3, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Ashley Alexander and Mr. Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 34:1-3

Rev. Anita Thompson

Let us bless the LORD at all times;  
**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

May our souls make their boast in the LORD;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me,  
**and let us exalt His name together.**

CHORUS

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

Bob Hudson

See Insert.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley

+HYMN OF PRAISE 350 *Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

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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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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

Miss Madison Alexander

In Pew Bible, page 15 of New Testament

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



+RESPONSE

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*  
See Insert.

Bob Hudson

## PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by the Magette Family to the glory of God and in honor of our loving church family.*

## 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 - 12:30 PM

♦Jessica Pyle, *Communications Coordinator*,  
works Monday - Friday.

♦Sharon Hill, *Financial Secretary*,  
works Monday - Wednesday.

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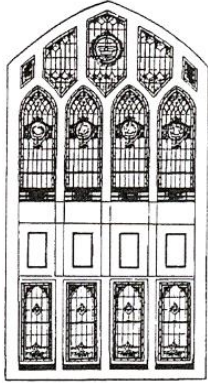
## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

March 3, 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 began the Season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14. Today we continue that Lenten journey as we observe the third 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: Karen Daly and Lisa Outlaw

Ages 3 & 4: Brian and Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis and Will Chamblee

## ✦ Benevolence Ministry Offering Received Today

*As is our practice on the first Sunday of the month, we invite you to contribute to our benevolence ministry which assists our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Please place your offering in one of the brown baskets located at all four entrances to the sanctuary.*

## ✦ Photos Needed for New Church Directory

*We are developing a new church directory and need your help. Send us one photo of whichever applies to your household: family, couple, or individual. Email by March 10 to [office@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:office@fbcahoskie.org).*

## ✦ Pastor Search Congregational Survey

*Our Pastor Search Committee seeks your input. We have developed a Congregational Survey that will provide us important, helpful information as we prepare a Pastor Profile. Hard copies are available in the church office. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. If you are a member or a regular attender and would like access to the survey, please contact the church office.*

## ✦ 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.*

### ✘ CPR/AED Emergency Class | April 7, 2024 | 3 PM - 5 PM

The Health Committee is hosting a CPR/AED Emergency Class. Instructors will be Will Blanchard and Taylor Futrell Rose. This is a very important class for young and old alike, who need to know what to do in an emergency. There may be a time when a medical emergency occurs, and no medical personnel are present. You may be the one person who can save a life. Signup sheets are available in each Sunday School class, on the second floor bulletin board, or you can call the church office to sign up. The deadline is March 24.

### ✘ Wednesday Night Meal | March 6, 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: Hot Chicken and Dressing, Casserole, Brown Sugar Baked Apples, Cranberry Congealed Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Water and Tea. Child options: Mac'n Cheese, plus regular choices of fruit, Jello, cookies, etc.

### ✘ This Week

#### ◆ Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chair Music Ensemble, Choir Room

#### ◆ Monday, March 4

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, Jenni Byrd, Leader

#### ◆ Tuesday, March 5

10:00 PM WMU Group 4

#### ◆ Wednesday, March 6

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM Ahoskie Garden 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

#### ◆ Friday, March 1

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

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