



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 10, 2024 ✦ Fourth 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 10, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Dempsey Pierce and Miss Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Bonnie Revelle

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we humbly take our stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus our eyes at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered for you and me;  
and from our stricken hearts with tears two wonders we confess:  
the wonders of His glorious love and our unworthiness. – Elizabeth C. Clephane

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Revelle

**We take the cross; its shadow for our abiding place;  
we ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Your face.  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
our sinful selves our only shame, our glory all the cross. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 186 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

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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 Exodus 20:1-17  
In Pew Bible, pages 82 and 83 of Old Testament

Mr. Chuck Revelle

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

CALL TO PRAYER *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)  
The Vocal Ensemble

Eugene Butler

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi*  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of world,  
*miserere nobis; dona nobis pacem*  
have mercy on us; grant us peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

Family of faith, rest in this assurance:  
God is here. God sees you. God knows you.  
God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,  
God is with you in all manner of endings.  
God calls you beloved.  
**Through Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE 576

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence*  
Stanzas 1 & 3

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Revelle

PIANO OFFERTORY

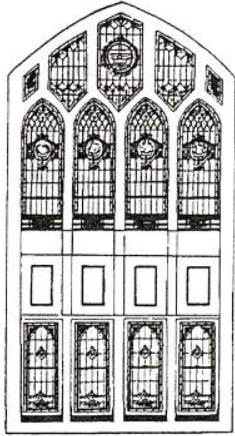
+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

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

March 10, 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 fourth 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: Joyce Leary and Taylor F. Rose*

*Ages 3 & 4: David and Elizabeth Davis*

*Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum and Winnie Matthews*

## ✠ Wednesday Night Meal | March 13, 2024

*To make your reservation...*

- ◆ *Sign up on the bulletin board in the second-floor hallway,*
- ◆ *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: Browned Kielbasa Sausage with Sautéed Pepper and Onions, Steamed Cabbage and Red Potatoes, Homestyle Field Peas, Cornbread, St. Patrick's Day Dessert, Tea and Water.*

## ✠ 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.*

## ✘ 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, or call the office for the link to the online survey. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

## ✘ This Week

### ◆ Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

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

### ◆ Monday, March 11

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

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

7:00 PM Finance Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

### ◆ Wednesday, March 13

10:00 AM – 2:00 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

### ◆ Thursday, March 14

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

### ◆ Friday, March 15

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

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