

FIFTH SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 17, 2024 ✦ Fifth Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 17, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Alex Britton & Mr. Corbett Britton, Acolytes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Jamie Burns

To Noah, God said: "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (*Genesis 9:12-13*)

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

To Abraham, God said: "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. (*Genesis 17:4*)

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

To us, God gives a covenant. Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (*Matthew 26:28*)

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."  
(*Hebrews 10:16*)

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

**God of Covenant Promises, help us, in return, to keep our covenant with You.  
Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 350    *Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

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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.**



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Isaiah 55:6-7

Mr. Rick Burns

In Pew Bible, pages 838 and 839 of Old Testament

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

CALL TO PRAYER

*Speak to My Heart*  
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Carl Seal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. —based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 384

*Speak to My Heart*  
Stanza 3

HOLCOMB



+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Burns

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON    Hebrews 7:23-28

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 269 of New Testament

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

SERMON

*Our High Priest: Now and Forever*

Dr. Bazemore



## INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 409 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

+BENEDICTION Dr. Bazemore

+LENTEN RESPONSE arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

## PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bobby Cross by his family.*

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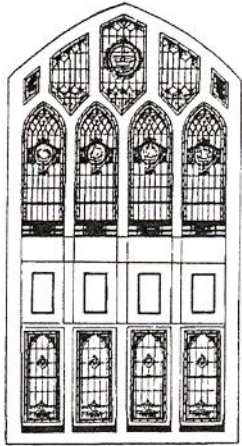
### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 17, 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 fifth 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: Kari Pierce and Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire and Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery and Harriet Byrum

## ✦ Wednesday Night Meal | March 20, 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: Country Pot Roast, Carrots, Potatoes, and Onions, Green Surprise Salad, Rolls, Assorted Fruit Pies, 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 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 you may scan the QR code below. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.*



## ✦ Youth Scavenger Hunt (Grades 6-12) | Today, March 17, 2024

Meet at First Baptist Church at 4:30 PM

## ✦ Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Birth-Grade 5) | Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:00 AM | The Pierce Farm at 107 DT Rd. Ahoskie, NC 27910

## ✦ This Week

### ♦ Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble, Choir Room

### ♦ Monday, March 18

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, Jenni Byrd, Leader

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, Fellowship Hall

### ♦ Tuesday, March 19

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

### ♦ Wednesday, March 20

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

### ♦ Friday, March 15

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

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