



Palm
SUNDAY

The Worship of God ✦ March 24, 2024 ✦ Palm Sunday

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 24, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Palm Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley and Miss Katie Vaughan, Acolytes

PALM SUNDAY LITANY

Mrs. Kari Pierce

Today we prepare for the holiest of weeks.

With Christ, we will journey through praise,
with Hosannas on our lips.

**With Christ, we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Today we wave palm branches in anticipation,
and join our voices with Christians around the world, shouting,
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

INTROIT & PROCESSIONAL

“Let Hosannas Ring”

The Children Choristers & Sanctuary Choir Patti Drennan

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Pierce

+HYMN 172

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Anita Thompson

Songs from the Music Friends (*Age 3 – Kindergarten*)

I Will Sing My Praises to the Lord

Carol and Ken Litton

Loud Hosanna

Elizabeth Charles

Worship the King

Ann Hood

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your 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

Mr. William Alexander

Psalm 118:1, 19-26

In Pew Bible, pages 694 & 695 of Old Testament

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Bazemore

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.

**We will let nothing move us. We will always give ourselves fully to
the work of the Lord, because we know that our labor in the Lord is
not in vain.**

- Based on 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

+HYMN OF PRAISE 627

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Alexander

As we reflect on Jesus' triumphant ride
from the Mount of Olives into the city of Jerusalem,
we proclaim with both tongue and tithe,
"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."
Receive, O God, the offerings of our hearts, monies, and lives,
**that Your name may be hallowed, Your Gospel proclaimed,
that Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.**
This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Dr. Bazemore

Matthew 21:1-11

In Pew Bible, pages 27 & 28 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Who is This?

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 497

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

+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 by the Ahooskie Garden Club to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley Baker Pierce. Shirley was a Life Member of the Ahooskie Garden Club with over 50 years of dedicated service.

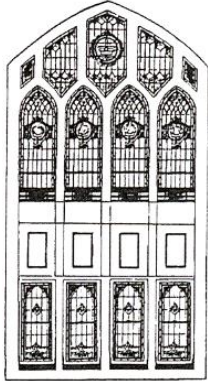
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 24, 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.*

We began the Season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14. Today we begin our journey through the most Holy Week of the Christian Year. We hope you'll join us every step of the way.

Palm Sunday	March 24	11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	March 28	6:15 PM
Good Friday	March 29	7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	March 31	11:00 AM

◆ **Worship Childcare** – *We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:*

Ages 1 & 2:	Georgia Copeland and Debbie Greene
Ages 3 & 4:	Will Blanchard and Michelle Boyd
Kindergarten:	Volunteers Needed

✦ Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship Service | March 28, 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.

*This meal is free of cost, but reservations are still required. Include the total number of adults and children. **Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Tuesdays.** Menu: Honey Glazed Ham, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Fruit Casserole, Buttered Noodles, Rolls, Assorted Cake, Tea, and Water.*

✘ Photos Needed for New Church Directory

New Deadline: May 5, 2024

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. New deadline is May 5, 2024.

✘ Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Birth-Grade 5)

Saturday, March 30, 2024

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

✘ 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.

✘ This Week

◆ Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble, Choir Room

◆ Monday, March 25

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, Jenni Byrd, Leader

◆ Wednesday, March 27

In observance of Holy Week, there will be no afternoon or evening activities. Instead, all are encouraged to participate in our annual Maundy Thursday meal and worship service in Fellowship Hall.

◆ **Thursday, March 28**

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service, *Fellowship Hall*

8:00 PM Good Friday Rehearsal

◆ **Friday, March 29**

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

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service, *Sanctuary*

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