



The Worship of God ✠ March 29, 2024 ✠ Good Friday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

A Worship Service of Tenebrae

March 29, 2024 ✕ 7:00 PM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Good Friday*

For Your Meditation

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as He suffered death on the cross. Candles are gradually extinguished symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. It also reminds us of our participation in the death of Christ through our sins. The final candle, representing Christ, is removed at the conclusion of the service symbolizing His death. The service ends in darkness.

WELCOME

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anita Thompson

We have come to walk the path Christ walked –

from the upper room to the garden,

from the garden to the court,

from the court to the cross,

and from the cross to the tomb.

We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.

Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God’s love might look like this: a forsaken Savior on a cross?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Thompson

ANTHEM

Jesus, Take All of Me with Just As I Am
Chairo Music Ensemble

arr. Heather Sorenson

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Jesus, take all of me. I come to You, I run to You.

There is nothing that You don’t see. You love me just as I am.

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✠ ***The Prediction of Judas’ Betrayal & Institution of the Lord’s Supper***

THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 26:17-29

ANTHEM

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love
The Sanctuary Choir

Mary McDonald

THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *In the Garden of Gethsemane*

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 26:30-44

ANTHEM *Thy Will Be Done* Craig Courtney
The Vocal Ensemble

THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *The Betrayal & Arrest*

THE THIRD LESSON Matthew 26:45-66

ANTHEM *Lamb of God* arr. Lloyd Larson
The Vocal Ensemble

THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *Peter's Denial*

THE FOURTH LESSON Matthew 26:67-75

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone* arr. Tomlin/Giglio
Chairo Music Ensemble

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *Jesus is Sentenced to Death*

THE FIFTH LESSON Matthew 27:1-26

ANTHEM *Let Him Be Crucified* Mary McDonald
The Sanctuary Choir

THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *The Crucifixion*

THE SIXTH LESSON Matthew 27:27-50

PIANO SOLO *Wondrous Love* arr. Fred Bock
Anita Thompson

THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✝ *The Aftermath*

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 27:51-54

HYMN 185

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Don Chapman

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

Join us for worship at 11:00 AM on Sunday, March 31st for the rest of the story.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Associate Pastor

Dr. Dennis Bazemore
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Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
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