

Christ is risen!



Christ is risen indeed!

The Worship of God ✦ March 31, 2024 ✦ Easter 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 31, 2024 ✘ 11:00 AM

✘ *The Season of the Church Year: Easter Sunday*

✘ *Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!* ✘

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

EASTER CHIMES

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Mr. Henry Pierce, Cross Bearer
Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolyte

Rejoice! Jesus Reigns! arr. Larry Shackley
Linda Bazemore & Leah Newsome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Penny Rose

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

INTROIT

Risen Indeed!
The Sanctuary Choir

Allen Pote

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 194 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

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.**

✠ *Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!* ✠

A READING FROM ACTS Acts 10:36-43 Mr. Andy Woodard
In Pew Bible, pages 157 & 158 of New Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Thompson

Christ is Risen! There is new life everywhere.
There is Good News everywhere.
There is nothing lost that cannot be found,
no dark place where light cannot shine,
no awful past that cannot lead to a bright future.
We are God's beloved; we are children of the resurrection.
Live into the hope and promise of Christ,
knowing we are forgiven and loved.
Christ is risen! We are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+HYMN 188 *"Man of Sorrows!" What a Name* WHAT A SAVIOR

✠ *Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!* ✠

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Woodard

PIANO OFFERTORY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Jenifer Cooke
Linda Bazemore & Leah Newsome

+DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Amen.

✠ *Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!* ✠

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 41 of New Testament

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

SERMON *Proof of the Resurrection!* Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 620 *Because He Lives* RESURRECTION

✠ *Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!* ✠

+BENEDICTION Dr. Bazemore

+EASTER CHIMES

PIANO POSTLUDE *The Day of Resurrection* arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Linda Bazemore & Leah Newsome

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers for worship today are provided by the Worship Decorating Committee for the glory of God and in praise of our risen Savior.

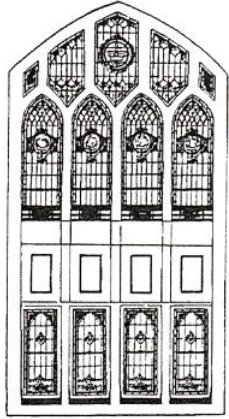
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 31, 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 our journey through Holy Week last Sunday as we observed Palm Sunday, a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. From there we gathered for Maundy Thursday worship to remember the institution of the Lord's Supper as He gathered with His disciples in the upper room. On Good Friday we remembered Jesus' arrest, trial, conviction, crucifixion, death, and burial. Three days later we gather to celebrate Christ's triumphant rise from the grave. Today is the high and holy day called Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday. We gather to proclaim together, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

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

Ages 1 & 2: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3 & 4: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette

✦ **Photos Needed for New Church Directory** | New Deadline: May 5, 2024

Send us one photo of whichever applies to your household: family, couple, or individual. Email to office@fbcahoskie.org. The new deadline is May 5, 2024.

✦ **CPR/AED Emergency Class** | April 7, 2024 | 3:30 PM – 5:30 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. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

✘ Men's Fellowship Supper

Tuesday, April 2, 5:48 PM | Tom Fretwell's Barn

All men of the church are invited to attend! Please make your reservation by calling Mr. Lee Wilson at (252) 332-4563 or the church office (252) 332-4003. A signup sheet is also on the second-floor bulletin board.

✘ In Sympathy

◆ We offer our sympathy to the family of FBCA member, Nancy Outlaw, who passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2024. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 PM in our sanctuary. Please hold in prayer her son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Lisa; their children, Brian (Victoria), Blake (Abbigail), Kathryn, and the numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

◆ Rev. Robert "Bob" Dills, FBCA Minister of Music & Youth from 1964 to 1978, passed away on March 26, 2024. Please remember in prayer his devoted wife, Jackie, their son, Keith, their daughter, Kelli, and the rest of the family. A funeral was held on Friday, March 29, 2024, at First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC, where Bob served as Minister of Music for 22 years following his tenure at FBCA.

✘ This Week

◆ Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

No afternoon or evening activities.

◆ Monday, April 1

Church offices closed for Easter holiday.

◆ Tuesday, April 2

10:00 AM Woman's Missionary Union – Group 4

◆ Wednesday, April 3

10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club, Fellowship Hall

No afternoon or evening activities.

◆ Friday, March 29

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

✘ Looking Ahead

April 7, 2024 – Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 21, 2024 – 5 PM Organ Concert at FBCA by Daniel Hester of Campbell University

May 8, 2024 – 7 PM Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Program

May 12, 2024 – Baccalaureate: Children's Choirs Sing for Worship

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