



*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life. – Psalm 23:6*

The Worship of God ✦ April 21, 2024 ✦ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 21, 2024 ✦ 11:00 AM

✦ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Lee Taylor Rose & Miss Carson Rose, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Mrs. Claire Presley

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SONG

Goodness of God
Chairo

Fielding, Johnson, Cash,
Ingram & Johnson

*I love You, Lord, oh, Your mercy never fails me; all my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

*And all my life You have been faithful, and all my life You have been so, so good;
with every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Presley

1. God is so good, God is so good,
 2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
 3. I love Him so, I love Him so,
 4. I praise His name, I praise His name,

God is so good, He's so good to me!
 He cares for me, He's so good to me!
 I love Him so, He's so good to me!
 I praise His name, He's so good to me!

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:14-16

Miss Ashleé Perry

In Pew Bible, page 5 of New Testament

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

TESTIMONY

Mr. Henry Joyner

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Miss Perry

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 707

OLD 100TH

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

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-6

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 62 of Old Testament

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SERMON

Life Being Interrupted

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

HE LEADETH ME

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

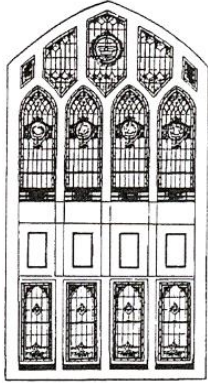
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

April 21, 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.*

The Season of Eastertide began with Resurrection Sunday on March 31, 2024. Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before He ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

◆ Worship Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Butch, Sandra & Beth Hassell.

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

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Sarah Grace Britton

✘ Organ Concert | FBCA Sanctuary | Today | 5:00 PM

Dr. Danny Hester, the Adjunct Professor of Organ and University Organist at Campbell University will be our guest artist. Reception to Follow. Please invite a friend.

✘ Volunteer/Donor Luncheon | Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 12:00 NOON

Please come and hear success stories about Christian Job Corps. RSVP by April 20 to Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301 or pbyrdcwjc@gmail.com. The Gathering Place is located at 701 E. Church St., Ahoskie, NC.

✘ Upcoming Meetings 2024

Finance Committee | Monday, May 13 | 7:00 PM

Building & Grounds Committee | Monday, May 20 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, May 21 | 7:00 PM

✘ Parent - Child Dedication | Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 11:00 AM

Contact Dr. Bazemore for more information.

✘ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Program

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | All are invited.

5:15-6:15 PM Children's Music & Missions | Adult & Youth Bible Study

6:15-7:00 PM Churchwide Meal, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM End-of-Year Program, Sanctuary

A Farewell Reception for Rev. Thompson will follow.

✘ **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.

✘ **WMU Churchwide Mission Project**

The WMU is looking for sponsors to send international students to Camp Caraway & Mundo Vista to learn about Jesus. Boys Camp is June 17-21 and Girls Camp is June 24-28. The cost is \$400.00 per child. Please send contributions to FBCA and designate them to "International Students Camp." If you have any questions, please contact Claire Presley at (252) 287-6132.

✘ **This Week**

◆ **Today, April 21**

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Organ Concert, FBCA Sanctuary

◆ **Monday, April 22**

- 3:00 PM Staff Meeting

◆ **Wednesday, April 24**

- 5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions
- Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)
- 6:15 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

◆ **Thursday, April 25**

- No Women's Bible Study

◆ **Friday, April 26**

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