

LOVE
the LORD
YOUR GOD
with all your
HEART
SOUL
and MIND



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The Worship of God ✦ April 28, 2024 ✦ The Fifth 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 28, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

Gathered for worship,
let us open our ears to hear God's word.

Gathered for worship,
let us open our arms to the embrace of community.

Gathered for worship,
let us open our minds to the beauty of God's truth.

Gathered for worship,
let us open our hearts to the joy of life in Christ.

Gathered for worship,
let us open our eyes to see the Spirit moving.

OPENING PRAYER

Open Our Eyes, Lord
The Sanctuary Choir

Bob Cull

+HYMN OF PRAISE 364

I Love Thee

I LOVE THEE

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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.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 12:2-6
In Pew Bible, page 785 of Old Testament

Rev. Thompson

Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah
The Sanctuary Choir & Children Choristers
Madison Alexander & Sophia Byrd, Soloists

Jack Noble White

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me;

*I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.*

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
“Give thanks to the Lord,”
and call upon His Name.

Make His deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that His Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;
ring out your joy.
For the Great One in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

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

TESTIMONY

Mrs. Kari Pierce

+HYMN 581

I Love to Tell the Story
Stanza 1

HANKEY

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ms. Betty Joyner

CHORAL OFFERTORY

His Eye is On the Sparrow
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Jack Schrader

+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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40
In Pew Bible, page 30 of New Testament

Dr. Bazemore

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

SERMON

What Does It Mean to Be Christian?

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 365 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As we leave, let us remember that we do not leave the church. We leave as the church to go into the world and make disciples . . . in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Arrington by Carolyn Arrington and their children.

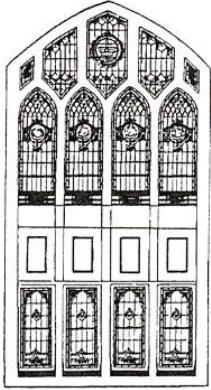
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: Volunteers Needed

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

Contact Dr. Bazemore for more information.

✦ **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.

✦ **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.

✦ **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

✦ **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Northeast Regional Gathering**

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM | FBCA Fellowship Hall

Larry Hovis, Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, will host a lunch meeting in our Fellowship Hall. The event is open to pastors, staff ministers, divinity students, chaplains, lay leaders and anyone interested in networking with CBFNC friends and colleagues. Reservations are required for the \$10 per person lunch and may be made through the cnfnc.org website. The registration deadline is May 3.

✘ 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 28

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

◆ Monday, April 29

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

◆ Wednesday, May 1

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM Ahoskie Garden Club

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

◆ Friday, May 3

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

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