

The Worship of God ✠ November 17, 2024
The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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November 17, 2024 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 26th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Alex Britton, Mr. Corbett Britton & Mr. Wells Britton, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Genesis and Job* Dr. Greg Barmer

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being

The Spirit of God has made me, the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

It is the holy and sacred breath of the Almighty that gives us understanding.

Breathe on us, Holy Spirit. Fill our lungs with your breath, with heavenly air! Become the air we breathe, and let us inhale your life-giving, life-changing, life-empowering Spirit.

Together we raise our voices, singing with the breath of life to praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May we lose ourselves in you, Father, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281 BEECHER
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER OF PRAISE Mr. Rick Burns

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Dr. Bazemore

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Mr. Burns
In Pew Bible, pages 987 & 988 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 243 MORECAMBE
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Burns

PIANO OFFERTORY Mrs. Newsome

+DOXOLOGY Hymn 706

OLD 100th, alt

*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.*



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:1-8

Dr. Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 114 of New Testament

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

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

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*Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me, Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

SERMON

Breathe on Us, God!

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN 231

TRUETT

Breath on Me



+BENEDICTION

+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.

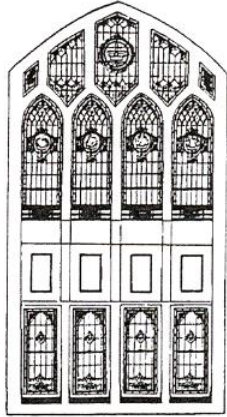
Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in honor of Dot Newsome and in memory of Bob Newsome by Beth Nelson and Sandra Sheckells.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

November 17, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Worship Notes

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

Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✘ **Church Offices Closed | November 28 & 29 | Thanksgiving Holiday**

✘ **Churchwide Christmas Breakfast**

Sunday, December 22 | Fellowship Hall | 9:30 AM

✘ **Church Conference | Wednesday, November 20 | 5:30 PM**

*During this conference we discuss the Budget for 2025, a Deacon Report on Church Facilities, and a Pastor Search Committee Update. **Please take note that this is the last Wednesday Night Meal until the new year. The last Children's Music & Missions meeting is December 11th.***

✘ **Budget Preparation**

The Finance Committee has completed the Proposed Church Budget for 2025. It was presented to and affirmed by the Deacons at their last meeting. There will be a churchwide meeting on Wednesday, November 20th, at 5:30 PM where the Finance Committee will make a detailed presentation of the Proposed Budget and an opportunity for discussion. The vote on the Proposed Budget will take place on Sunday, December 8th, prior to the beginning of the worship service.

✘ **2025 Deacon Nomination Results**

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, resident church members nominated persons to serve as deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. The top five nominees who have agreed to serve are: Ann Cooke, Debbie Magette, Scott Outlaw, Kari Pierce, and Andy Woodard. On Sunday, December 8, 2024, members will have the opportunity to confirm these nominees.

✘ **Alleluia: A Christmas Festival | December 15, 2024 | 5:00 PM**

Accompanied by an Orchestra of ECU Music Students

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a reception following the program.

✘ Wednesday Night Meal | November 20, 2024

To make your reservation, respond to the Facebook post, sign up on the bulletin board on the second-floor, or call the church office at (252) 332-4003. Include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Monday. Hostess Committee members, please remember to make your reservations.

✘ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Let's help share God's Love through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. Due to customs requirements, soap is no longer permitted. Contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator, at (252) 209-7744 with questions.

- FBCA members please bring boxes, Wednesday, November 20, 2024 between 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM.
- Volunteers are needed to collect boxes on November 19 & November 21 from 9:30 AM – 12 Noon. If you are able to help, contact Melanie.
- If you would like to make a financial donation, address checks to First Baptist Church with Operation Christmas Child or OCC in the memo line. Cash must be in an envelope addressed to Operation Christmas Child or OCC. Place donations in the offering plate or inside the lock box on the finance door.

OCC Box Drop Off at FBCA

Monday, November 18	4:00—6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 19	9:30—12 NOON
Wednesday, November 20	4:00—6:30 PM
Thursday, November 21	9:30—12 NOON
Friday, November 22	9:30—12 NOON
Saturday, November 23	11:00—1:30 PM
Sunday, November 24	2:00—6:00 PM