



The Worship of God ✦ December 29, 2024
The First Sunday of Christmas

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 29, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

INVOCATION Dr. Dennis Bazemore

LITANY OF CELEBRATION Mr. Heath Britt

The Day of Celebration has come!

The Good Shepherd, the Prince of Peace, the Solid Rock has come to live among us!

Emmanuel, God with Us, Christ the Holy One, has come to give himself for us; to offer us peace, salvation, and life more abundant!

The Lord has reached his hand to us, a saving Light in the darkness of our sin! The Day of Celebration has come and we rejoice! Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 102 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH



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 Isaiah 60:1-7 Dr. Lyndsay Britt
In Pew Bible, page 844 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Britt

PIANO OFFERTORY Mrs. Newsome

+CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:9-15
In Pew Bible, page 2 of New Testament

Dr. Bazemore

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MESSAGE IN SONG

Ring the Bells

Vicky Overman

*Ring, ring, ring the bells, ring them loud and clear,
To tell the children everywhere, that Christmas time is here!*



SERMON

After Christmas - Now What?

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 148

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



+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.

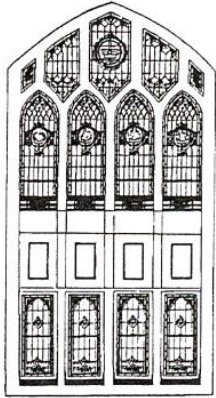
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

December 29, 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: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3 & 4: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette

✘ Church Building Closed

New Year's Day | January 1, 2025

✘ Global Missions Offering Ingathering

We are receiving the annual Global Missions Offering. 100% of your gifts support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving in the United States and around the world. This year's goal is \$5,000 and will be collected through the end of March 2025.

✘ Newsletter

We will not issue a newsletter on January 1, 2025.

✘ The Lord's Supper | Sunday, January 5, 2025 | During Worship

✘ Deacon Ordination & Installation

Sunday, January 12, 2025 | Sanctuary | 11:00 AM

During the 11:00 AM worship service on January 12, 2025, Ann Cooke will be ordained. Debbie Magette, Scott Outlaw, Kari Pierce, and Andy Woodard, previously ordained, will be installed along with Ann Cooke.

✘ CBF North Carolina Regional Gathering

Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM

Lakeside Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC

If you're interested in attending, please contact Jamie Burns at (252) 332-9461

✘ Food Pantry Volunteers

The Pantry desperately needs volunteers on the third or fourth Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to noon. A volunteer may choose to work one Friday every month, every other month or once a quarter – always with another volunteer. If you are willing to offer two and a half hours of your time on a Friday to be Christ's Hands and Feet at the Pantry, please contact Vicky Overman at (252) 396-5729 to discuss which Friday is best for you.

✘ Offering Envelopes

As we prepare for the new year, we ask that if you're no longer using the offering envelopes that are mailed to you, please contact our Financial Secretary, Sharon Hill. She is available Monday-Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the office (252) 332-4003.