

The Worship of God ✠ February 2, 2025 4th Sunday After Epiphany

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 2, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Will Chamblee & Mac Chamblee, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104 Mrs. Nancy Freeman

Let all that I am praise the Lord!

O Lord my God, how great you are! You are robed with honor and majesty.

You are dressed in a robe of light.

You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens;

You lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds.

You make the clouds your chariot; You ride upon the wings of the wind.

The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!

May your glory, O Lord, continue forever!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath!

May all my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let all that I am praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

INVOCATION Mrs. Freeman

+HYMNS OF PRAISE, 307

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Alleluia ALLELUIA

Alleluia, I will praise Him! Alleluia, I will praise Him!

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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 Malachi 3: 1-12, 16-18 Dr. Greg Barmer

ANTHEM *The Lord Desires These Things* LARSON

*"In what does the Lord delight? What does the Lord desire?
In what will the Lord be pleased? What does the Lord require?
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."*

SEMINARY

Mrs. Pat Byrd

Mrs. Newsome

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.*



Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 224 of New Testament

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

HENDON

+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 and in loving memory of LuAnn W. Joyner by Don Joyner and their children, Win & Elizabeth.

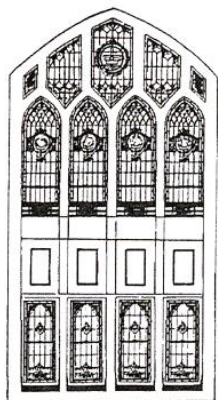
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

February 2, 2025

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: Bland & Nancy Baker

Ages 3 & 4: Heather & William Alexander

Kindergarten: Lyndsay & Heath Britt

✦ Wednesday Night Meal | February 5, 2025

We started a new standing reservation list. 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.

Menu: Brown Sugar Baked Pork Ribeyes, Pineapple Casserole, Seasoned Baby Butter Beans, Rolls, Icebox Chocolate Pies, Tea, and Water. **Kids:** Mac'n Cheese, Fruit, Jello, PBJ to supplement.

Meal Costs: Adults: \$8 | Children (Ages 4-12): \$4 | 3 & Under: Free

✦ Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available for pick up in the second-floor hallway. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact Sharon Hill at (252) 332-4003.

✦ Volunteers Needed for Youth Meals

If you're interested in providing meals for our youth, please contact Jamie Burns at (252) 332-9461.

✦ Valentine's Banquet | Friday, February 14, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Adult members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend our Valentine's Banquet. The cost is \$5.00 per adult. Childcare will be provided. Reservations for childcare and the meal must be made by February 10 at noon.

✦ Chair Resumes February 9, 2025

✦ CWJC Mission Project

We are collecting the following hygiene and cleaning items for CWJC through January 30:

Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap/Bodywash, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent, Bleach, Bathroom Cleaner, Paper Towels, Pine-Sol, Fabuloso, etc.

✂ Youth “Soup”er Bowl Scavenger Hunt | Sunday, February 9, 2025

The youth group invites you to join them for a fun and meaningful event—our "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM! This exciting activity will help stock the Ahoskie Food Pantry with much-needed items. The youth will be divided into teams to compete and see who can collect the most donations. Each item collected will be assigned points, and the team with the highest total score wins!

Items Needed:

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| •Soup cans (large: 2 pts, small: 1 pt) | •Treet (3 pts) |
| •Canned tuna, mackerel, or chunk chicken (3 pts) | •Canned fruit (3 pts) |
| •Canned spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat) (4 pts) | •Peanut butter (5 pts) |
| •Canned milk (evaporated) (2 pts) | •Ketchup (5 pts) |
| •Vienna sausages (3 pts) | •Chili sauce (3 pts) |

Note: *Pop-top cans are preferred for easier access and distribution and add an additional point to each item.*

How You Can Participate:

If you would like to participate by having a youth team visit your home to collect donations, please sign up on the bulletin board behind the Sanctuary. Don't worry, if you don't sign up, the youth may still stop by your house to collect items, so be prepared! This is a wonderful opportunity to support the youth and help our church serve the community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046. Let's work together to make this "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt a success and bless many families in our community!