



The Worship of God ✠ January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 5, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordon Martin

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

INVOCATION Dr. Bazemore

LITANY OF CELEBRATION Dr. Greg Barmer

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying, "Where is he who is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you!

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising!

Entering the house, the magi saw the Child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

The wise folk still come, asking, receiving the Good News, and worshiping the Christ; the king of love, light of the world, the epiphany of God. May the assuring and healing light of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you!

+HYMNS OF PRAISE

Hymn 102 *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Hymn 143 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

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: 1-6 Dr. Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 844 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 120 *Emmanuel* McGEE

+HYMN 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Barmer

PIANO OFFERTORY Mrs. Newsome

+ CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 211 of New Testament

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEDITATION *Spiritual Nourishment* Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE POURING OF CUP

PRAYER

Loving and Holy God, when the taste of the bread and the cup fades from our lips,
Remind our hearts to continue on remembering the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us.
For it is in you O' God that we find mercy,
For it is in Christ we have our hope,
For it is in the Holy Spirit we find guidance.
For the Lord's Supper we have shared and the truth it represents, we give you thanks. In Jesus name. Amen.

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 151 KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings



+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.

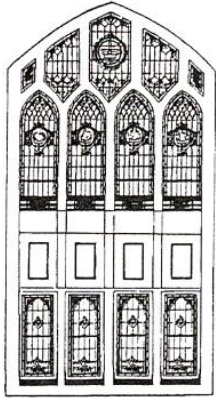
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

January 5, 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: Sylvia Britt & Linda White

Ages 3 & 4: Lisa Outlaw & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✘ 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.

✘ Upcoming Meetings 2025

Finance Committee | January 13 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | January 21 | 7:00 PM

✘ Wednesday Activities Resume | January 15, 2025

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions / Adult & Youth Bible Study

6:15 PM Wednesday Night Meal

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

✘ 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 by January 8, at (252) 332-9461.

✘ Chairo Resumes February 9, 2025

✘ 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.

✘ **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.

✘ **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.

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