

The Worship of God ✠ February 9, 2025
5th 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 9, 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
Mr. Taylor Rose & Miss Carson Rose, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from 1 Chronicles 29 Mrs. Kari Pierce
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.
Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything.
Power and might, strength and victory are in your hand, O God, and we come to give you thanks and to praise your marvelous and powerful name. Be exalted among us, O Lord!

+HYMNS OF PRAISE

339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
342 *He is Exalted*

CORONATION
HE IS EXALTED

INVOCATION Mrs. Pierce



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 Psalm 119:33-40 Dr. Greg Barmer
In Pew Bible, page 697 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Speak, O Lord* arr. Edwards

*"Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory."*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 Mr. Henry Pierce
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 618 *Love Lifted Me* SAFETY

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OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Pierce

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.*

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SERMON *Love Is...* 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 440 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE

+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 by Ruth Ward.

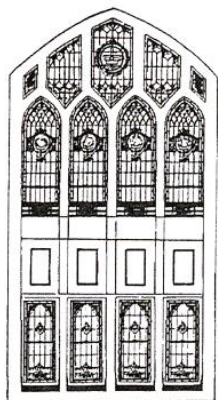
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barner
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

February 9, 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: Kay Byrd & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Winnie Matthews

✠ 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!

✠ Chairo Resumes | Today, February 9, 2025 | 2:00 PM

✠ Finance Committee Meeting | Monday, February 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM

✠ Parent - Child Dedication | Sunday, March 9, 2025

Please contact Dr. Bazemore if you're interested in participating in the Parent - Child dedication.

✠ 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.

***Menu:** Grilled Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Mixed Winter Vegetables (Sweet Potatoes, Carrots, and Butternut Squash), Mixed Green Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Rolls, and Chocolate Cherry Trifle.*

✘ Church Business Meeting Update

At the Called Business Meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the Church voted unanimously to purchase the REB Building adjacent to the FBC Ahoskie property. This property purchase is an investment in the future of the church. Thank you church and to everyone that worked to help and guide the church through this process.

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