

The Worship of God ✠ February 16, 2025
6th 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 16, 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
Dr. Linda Alexander & Mr. Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Philippians 2 Dr. Greg Barmer

Come and celebrate Jesus Christ,
who did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

You emptied yourself completely, Lord, humbling yourself to a humiliating death on our behalf.

So in our worship, be raised up with great honor, among us, Jesus!

May your name reign above all as we gather to worship.

May we, Lord Christ, bow our lives before you and confess before all that you, Jesus, are Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

You are our God, and we have come to worship!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 422 *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* HYFRYDOL

ANTHEM *At the Name of Jesus* Berry
"Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory.
At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barmer

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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.

+HYMN 392 *Open Our Eyes, Lord* OPEN OUR EYES

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Andy Woodard

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

1 John 1:5-10

Mr. Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 289 of New Testament

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Bazemore

+HYMN

Change My Heart, O God.

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God, make it ever True;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever True;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 51:1-12

Dr. Bazemore

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SERMON

A Clean Heart Before the Lord

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 493

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

+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 by Trey & Harriet Byrum to the glory of God and in celebration of Avery's birthday on February 17.

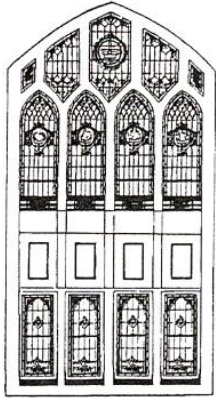
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 16, 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: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

- ✦ **Building & Grounds Meeting** | Monday, February 17, 2025 | 7:00 PM
- ✦ **Deacons' Meeting** | Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 7:00 PM
- ✦ **Health Committee Meeting** | Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | 5:15 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.

✦ Youth Lunch Volunteer Schedule

We are looking for a volunteer to cover a youth meal for March 16. Please contact Jamie Burns at (252) 332-9461 if you'd like to volunteer.

March 2: Debbie Magette March 9: Lisa and Greg Barmer

March 16: March 23: Linda Bazemore

March 30: Bonnie Revelle April 6: Kay Byrd

✦ Wednesday Meal Schedule

We would like to thank our Hostess Committee for their hard work in serving us. Wednesday Night Meal and Bible Study will take place on the following dates:

March 5 & 12 April 2 & 9

✘ Youth Group Schedule

February 23: *Winter Break* | ****No Meeting****

March 2: *Bible Study* | *Bring a friend, enjoy lunch and youth group.*

March 9: *Mission Project* | *Come participate in a mission project.*

March 16: *Bible Study* | *Bring a friend, enjoy lunch and youth group.*

March 23: *Fun Activity*

March 30: *Bible Study* | *Bring a friend, enjoy lunch and youth group.*

April 6: *Mission Project* | *Come participate in a mission project.*

April 13: ****End of Year Party****

✘ 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.