

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 23, 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. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Daniel 2 and Psalm 103 Ms. Betty Joyner
Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power.
He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.
He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though He is surrounded by light.
Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.
May I never forget the good things He does for me.
The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him.
For He knows how weak we are; He remembers we are only dust.
Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows,
and we are gone, as though we had never been here.
But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear Him.
His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to His covenant, of those who obey His commandments!
Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

INVOCATION Ms. Joyner



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 Deuteronomy 28:9-15 Mr. Rick Burns
In Pew Bible, page 228 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN 280 *Speak, O Lord* SPEAK, O LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Burns

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 John 14:15-21 Dr. Bazemore
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Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 495 *Step by Step* STEP BY STEP

SERMON *What are You Leaving Behind?* 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 509

Trust and Obey

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+BENEDICTION

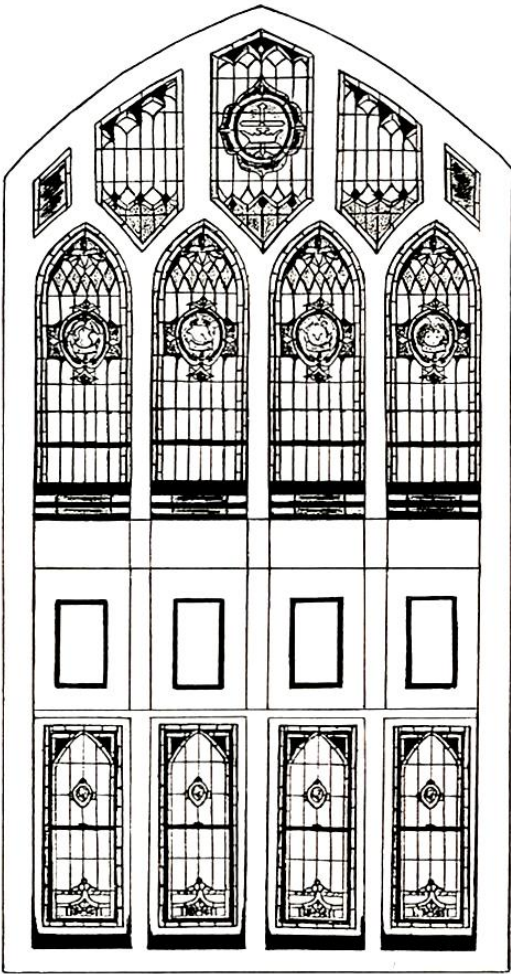
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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 Duck and Jerri Harrell to the glory of God and in honor of our great grandchildren, Hudson and Liza Harrell.



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7th Sunday After Epiphany

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore

Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer

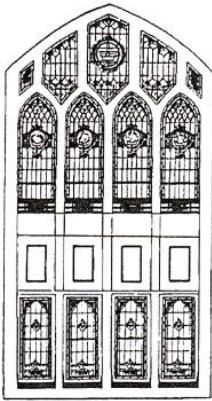
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom

Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome

Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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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: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Age 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: Sarah Jenkins & Henry Pierce

✦ Called Church-wide Business Meeting

March 5, 2025 | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

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✦ Men's Fellowship Supper | March 4, 2025 | Mixed Grill | 6:00 PM

Reservations are requested. Menu includes Steamed Oysters, Fried Oysters, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Fried Shrimp, Fried Fish, Slaw & Dessert. To make your reservation, contact Lee Wilson at (252) 326-2701 or sign up on the second-floor bulletin board at FBCA.

✦ 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.

✦ 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 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

✦ Youth Group Schedule

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

March 23: Fun Activity

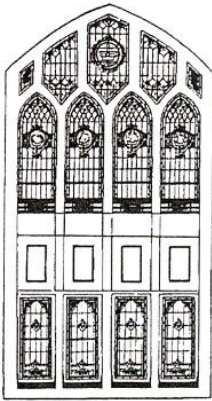
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April 6: Mission Project | Come participate in a mission project.

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

✦ Food Pantry Volunteers

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