



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 9, 2025
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 9, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

All For Jesus

Fred Bock

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Walt Pierce & Miss Libby Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66

Dr. Tim Frei

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

Rescue us, O God. Rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

Rescue us, O God. Rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

Rescue us, O God. Rescue us through the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

"Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them."

Thank you, O God, that you are forever dependable to make good on your promises. Thank you for rescuing those who trust in you from the desolation of their sin.

Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 422

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

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INVOCATION

Dr. Frei

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. Bazemore

CHILD DEDICATION

Allison Taylor Alexander

October 21, 2023

Daughter of

William & Heather Alexander

Callan Thomas Alexander

December 12, 2023

Son of

John & Becca Alexander

Allie Gray Dawson

April 5, 2024

Daughter of

Jeremy & Anna Dawson

Introduction of the Families

Statements of Commitment

Parents, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

We do.

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

We do.

Do you dedicate your children to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your children in the Christian faith; bringing them to church, leading them in prayer, and reading to them the scriptures, in order that they may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do.

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture these children in the Christian faith so that they may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Gifts



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119: 1-8

In Pew Bible, page 696 of Old Testament

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

Dr. Greg Barner

ANTHEM

I Must Tell Jesus

McDonald

*"I must tell Jesus all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress He kindly will help me, He ever loves and cares for His own.
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone."*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 4:1-13

In Pew Bible, page 74 of New Testament

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

Mrs. Jayne Frei

+HYMN 641

Higher Ground

HIGHER GROUND

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Frei

PIANO OFFERTORY

I Am Resolved

J. Micah Bohannon

+ LENTEN DOXOLOGY, Hymn 171, stanza 3

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am," While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

SERMON

Deal or No Deal

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+HYMN 473

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

+BENEDICTION

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Higher Ground

Mark Hayes

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hannah and Ollie Brown, by their children, Debbie, David, Anna Bess, and Sam, and their families.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

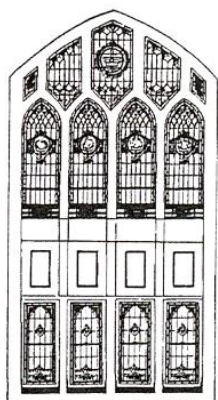
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Mr. Jordan Martin
Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 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

✦ Called Church-wide Business Meeting Update

At the called church-wide Business Meeting on March 5, 2025, we approved:

- The employment of Greenfields Church Consulting for our Pastor search.
- The proposal for the Alantec electrical and HVAC updates to the church.
- Adding L. Taylor Rose to the Building and Grounds Committee.
- The employment of Jordan Martin as our organist.

✦ 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 12 April 2 & 9

✦ Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser for PASSPORTKids!

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | Fellowship Hall | 6:15 PM

All proceeds raised will help to fund the PASSPORTkids! trip this summer. The meal cost is \$5.00. Tips and donations are appreciated. Please sign up on the Facebook post or the sign-up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board.

✦ 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

Thank you to those who have volunteered to provide lunch for our youth.

March 9: Lisa & Greg Barmer

March 16: Elizabeth Craft & Mary Ann Umphlett

March 23: Linda Bazemore

March 30: Bonnie Revelle

April 6: Kay Byrd

✂ Youth Group Schedule

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***