



SECOND SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✦ March 16, 2025  
Second Sunday in Lent

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 16, 2025 ☩ 11:00 AM

☩ *The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Nothing but The Blood of Jesus* Chuck Sinclair

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Ann Cooke

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, and frees the sacrificial doves from their gilded cages?

**It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple and restore its sacred purpose to a house of anointed prayer.**

Then let us open the doors of our own hearts even wider, so He can cast out the thieves who have set up residence and contaminate what is sacred.

**May the temple within us, O Father, be a refuge where your holiness dwells and flourishes.**  
May it be a garden that bears the fruit of your Holy Spirit.

**Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered within us, forgive, transform, and create beauty from the ashes. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen!**

+HYMNS OF PRAISE 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

"I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.  
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!"

INVOCATION Dr. Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Mrs. Cooke

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 24:1-5 Mr. Scott Outlaw  
In Pew Bible, page 617 of Old Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 546 *Give Me Jesus* GIVE ME JESUS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Outlaw

PIANO OFFERTORY

*Search Me O' God*

Greg Howlett

+ 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!

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 21:12-17

Dr. Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 28 of New Testament

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

Vicky Overman

*I Asked the Lord*

SERMON

*When Messiah Shows Up*

Dr. Barmer

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 499

*I Surrender All*

SURRENDER

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Barmer

+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

*Have Thine Own Way with Be Still My Soul*

James M. Stevens

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Tommy and Janet Oliver to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.*

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#### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

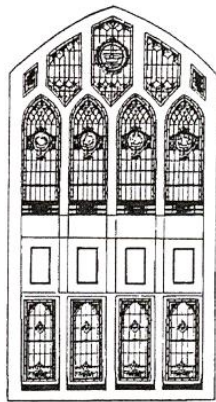
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
Interim Pastor

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 16, 2025

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

◆ **Worship Childcare** – We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:

Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

## ✦ Upcoming Meetings

Building & Grounds | Monday, March 17, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 7:00 PM

## ✦ 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:

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.

## ✦ Youth Group Schedule

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\*\*

## ✦ 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

✘ Maundy Thursday | April 17, 2025

- 6:00 PM Meal
- 7:00 PM Worship Service

✘ Children's End-of-Year Concert

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | Sanctuary | 11:00 AM

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