



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 23, 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 23, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Fred Brock

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Alex Britton, Mr. Corbett Britton & Mr. Wells Britton, Acolytes

+HYMN OF PRAISE 471

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton

Come, weary travelers, come to the well of living water!

We come Lord, and we are thirsty, seeking refreshment for our souls.

Jesus, like He met the woman at the well, meets us here today.

You know our deepest needs and our hidden thirsts, Jesus. And we confess our need for your grace, for the water that springs up to eternal life.

He offers us a gift greater than any we could ask or imagine. He offers us Himself, the source of true satisfaction.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we may receive Your gift. May our fellowship with You today equip us to be witnesses to Your love and grace.

We worship You, Jesus, the One who offers us living water, the One who knows us and loves us unconditionally. We worship You, the very spring of eternal life! Amen.

MESSAGE IN SONG

When I Think About the Lord

Chairo

*"When I think about the Lord, how He saved me, how He raised me,
How He filled me with the Holy Ghost, how He healed me to the uttermost;
When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up and turned me around,
how He set my feet on solid ground;
It makes me wanna shout, Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus!
Lord, you're worthy of all the glory, and all the honor, and all the praise!"*

MORNING PRAYER

Dr. Bazemore

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 4:1-26 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, pages 115 & 116 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN, see insert *Fill My Cup, Lord* FILL MY CUP

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Greg Barmer

PIANO OFFERTORY *Fill My Cup, Lord* Gene Roberson

+ 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!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 53:1-5 Mrs. Britton
In Pew Bible, page 836 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN SONG *I Speak Jesus* Chairo
"Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life.
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire."

SERMON *Embracing the Uncomfortable* 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, see insert *Fill My Cup, Lord* FILL MY CUP

+BENEDICTION Dr. Bazemore

+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

All Who Are Thirsty

Victor Labenske

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of "Nanny" Nancy Outlaw and "Mammy" Rachel Young by the Outlaw family.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

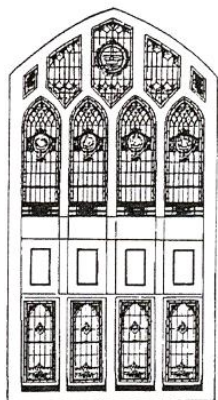
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 23, 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: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: Sarah Jenkins & Henry Pierce

✦ 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.

✦ 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

✦ Youth Group Schedule

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.

✦ Maundy Thursday | April 17, 2025

- 6:00 PM Meal

- 7:00 PM Worship Service

✦ Youth Lunch Volunteer Schedule

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

March 23: Linda Bazemore

March 30: Bonnie Revelle

April 6: Kay Byrd

✘ College Scholarship Applications

Please call the church office if you would like an application. All completed applications are due in the church office by April 30, 2025.

James Wilton “Wig” & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship

Frances Bracy established a scholarship in honor of her family and her late husband Wig, desiring to make a college education affordable for church members who may have financial need or for whom college would otherwise be unattainable. FBCA members who will be college students during the 2025-2026 academic year are encouraged to apply.

Oscar Creech Scholarship

This scholarship is named after FBCA’s longest tenured pastor who prayed that God would call persons, from among the FBCA membership, into full-time, church-related vocation. Students who have sensed a call to ministry and are FBCA members, are encouraged to apply.

✘ Children’s End-of-Year Concert

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

✘ Churchwide Mission Project

You can send a refugee child to Camp Mundo Vista to learn about Jesus and experience summer activities. Camp is June 23-27. The cost is \$200.00 per child. You may place your donation in the FBCA offering plate, mail a check to FBCA and designate to "International Camp", or visit:

<https://bit.ly/internationalcamp2025>. Donations are due by May 15, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Presley at (252) 287-6132.