

FOURTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 30, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

Make Me a Servant

Marianne Kim

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis & Mr. Pace Davis, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Greg Barmer

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather in the presence of our Creator, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

We come to worship, remembering, celebrating, and praising Him for the new creation we are in Christ.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, "So from now on, do not regard one another from a worldly point of view, because if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"

We are new creations! The old has passed away, and all things have become new in Christ. So we come, reconciled and redeemed, to worship God who makes all things new, who calls us to live as His agents of grace. We come to worship, ready to be transformed, and to carry the good news of Christ's reconciliation to the world!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

INVOCATION

Dr. Barmer

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

Psalm 34:1-5

Ms. Betty Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 625 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

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+HYMN 190

The Power of the Cross

OH TO SEE THE DAWN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ms. Joyner

PIANO OFFERTORY

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

Lloyd Larson

+ 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 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Ms. Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 221 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus

arr. Bradford

I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways.

I'm trying to love as he did in all that I do and say.

At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,

But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,

"Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.

Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, for these are the things Jesus taught."



SERMON

A Heavenly Makeover

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 235

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM



+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

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Jenifer Cook

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hal and Ann Daniels by Kim and Ed Cherry, Henry and Pat Daniels, and their families.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

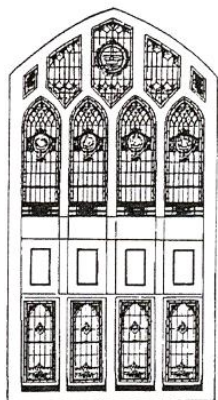
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 30, 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: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3 & 4: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette

✠ Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers who made the Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser possible. We are so grateful for the support for our children.

✠ 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.

✠ Parent-Child Dedication | April 6, 2025

✠ 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****

✠ 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 30: Bonnie Revelle April 6: Kay Byrd

✠ 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.

✠ Children's End-of-Year Concert

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

✘ 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.

✘ 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 it 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.

✘ The Gathering Place Donation

The Gathering Place is in search of an office desk. If you have a desk that you’re willing to donate, contact Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301. We thank you for your continued support!