

FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ April 6, 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

April 6, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus
with Moonlight Sonata*

Don Wyrzten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Barmer

Friends, we've been invited to a feast of eternal significance! Listen to the words of Jesus:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will not hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We come, Lord Jesus, recognizing our need for true nourishment that only you can provide.

Let us turn away from that which will never] truly satisfy.

Let us open our hearts and minds to receive the life-giving word of God, to be filled with the Spirit, and to feast on the grace and love offered to us in Jesus Christ.

We worship you, Bread of Life, the source of our strength and our salvation. Feed us now by your Spirit and your Word, that we may be strengthened for the journey ahead. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 33

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

INVOCATION

Dr. Barmer

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PARENT - CHILD DEDICATION

Allison Taylor Alexander

Jack Scottie Outlaw

October 21, 2023

September 25, 2024

Daughter of

Son of

William & Heather Alexander

Blake & Abbigail Outlaw

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

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Mrs. Kari Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 822 of Old Testament

ANTHEM

To Love Our God

Mark Hayes

from Ecclesiastes 1, 12

Where does the wind come from, where does it go? Blowing north and south, how does it know?

The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun yet nothing gained.

We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty! All is vain!

To love our God, the reason we live! To love our God, the highest call!

Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole;

For this purpose we were made, to love our God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43: 5-7

Mrs. Pierce

+HYMN 571

You Are My All in All

JERNIGAN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Pierce

PIANO OFFERTORY

Lamb of God

Lloyd Larson

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 John 6:29-35

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 119 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Feast or Just a Sample

Dr. Bazemore

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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 OF RESPONSE 633 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

ALL THE WAY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

LENTEN RESPONSE

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,

Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,

Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+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

Come As you Are

Victor Labenske

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Beth Hassell to the glory of God and in honor of Butch and Sandra's 60th wedding anniversary celebrated on March 21, 2025.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

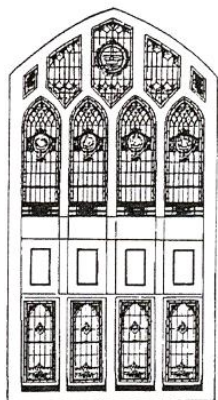
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

April 6, 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: Bland Baker & Nancy Baker

Ages 3 & 4: Heather & William Alexander

Kindergarten: Lyndsay & Heath Britt

✦ Adult Bible Study & Meal Canceled for April 9, 2025

Adult & children's choirs will be held as scheduled.

✦ Finance Committee Meeting | Monday, April 7, 2025 | 7:00 PM

✦ Youth Group Schedule

April 6: Mission Project | Youth will “stuff eggs” for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

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.

April 6: Kay Byrd

✦ Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 11:00 AM

Birth-Grade 5 | Home of Brent & Kari Pierce

✦ 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!

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