



The Worship of God ✠ April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

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 20, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Easter Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* MARILYNN HAM

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ANTHEM *On the Third Day* POTE
*Jesus was crucified, he died and was buried. Jesus was crucified. On the third day Christ arose!
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end.
On the third day Christ arose!*

+THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS Dr. Greg Barmer
Welcome Resurrection Sunday! The world is turned upside down! So come, you people of God,
the Lord is risen!
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! The end is the beginning, and death has become life!
Alleluia!**
Today we join with whole company of God's people the world over, to proclaim that Christ is
Lord. Our Lord is risen!
**He is risen indeed! Stones are rolled away, tombs are empty, and new possibilities are born for
us all! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

+HYMN 194 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

+INVOCATION 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.**

+HYMN 208 *He is Lord* HE IS LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Eley Whitehead

PIANO OFFERTORY *Crown Him with Many Crowns* JOEL RANEY

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:1-18

Mr. Whitehead

In Pew Bible, pages 140 & 141 of New Testament

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

ANTHEM

He is Not Here

NAGY

'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord, and walking to the tomb, said, 'Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?' Then, behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead, dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, 'Jesus is not dead! He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay. He is not here! He is risen! Jesus rose on Easter Day!



SERMON

What Are You Looking For?

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 OF RESPONSE 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

+WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD

We believe in an Easter God who transforms darkness into light, hatred into love, and despair into hope!

We believe God is always working for good, turning defeat into victory and changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.

We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence; word and gesture; who calls us by name to overcome the world and joyfully enter the dance of life!

We believe in his Holy Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave our tomb-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully!

We believe his Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice grace and mercy, who encourage beauty and forgiveness, and who serve his both present and coming Kingdom.

We believe we are an Easter People, a sign that with God, all things are possible! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

We offer a special welcome to our brass players from the ECU School of Music: Collin Hewitt, Josh McPherson, Tyler Morris-Huntley, and Josh Pendergraph.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

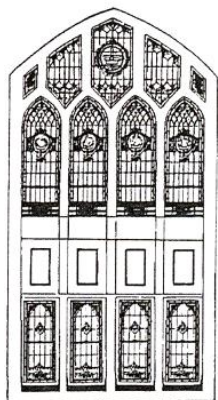
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 20, 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: Pat Daniels & Roxie Thompson

Ages 3 & 4: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Kindergarten: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

✦ Church Building Closed on Easter Monday | April 21, 2025

✦ Library Clean Out

In preparation for our upcoming renovations, we are downsizing the library. Please come take any books you would like to have by April 23.

✦ 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.

✦ The Gathering Place Needs

Christian Men’s Job Corps is in need of: men’s belts and shoes of all sizes; men’s pants sizes 30, 32, 34, and 36. We thank you for your continued support!

✦ 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.

✘ Children's End-of-Year Concert

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

✘ Organ & Piano Concert by Michael Morgan & Greg Barmer

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 4:00 PM | Reception to follow

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