

The Worship of God ✠ April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

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 27, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

Christ Arose!

Lloyd Larson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Peter 1

Dr. Greg Barmer

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We do not come into this house cautiously with some vague hope in a kind of divinity.

We come boldly in the sacred name of Jesus, the Christ, whom “God raised from the dead and gave him glory, so that our faith and hope may be confident in God!”

Jesus lives and we celebrate life; life abundant and life eternal!

We celebrate victory; victory over the powers of evil that would tie us to earthly concerns.

Let earth and heaven rejoice and celebrate Love’s victory! Christ has conquered death, sin, and the grave! In His name, our pain is healed, and our shame is taken away! Our

Redeemer lives! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

+HYMN 207

Low in the Grave He Lay

CHRIST AROSE

+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

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton

In Pew Bible, page 798 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN 205

Christ is Alive

TRURO

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Britton

PIANO OFFERTORY

There is a Redeemer

Michael Ware

+ 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 20:19-31

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 141 of New Testament

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

Dan Forrest

In All Things Love

Jordan Martin, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins

“Love, in all things love. As I have loved you, so love. You are loved with everlasting love. Now abide faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love. In all things love.”

SERMON

Blessed in Believing

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 171

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love is This

+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

Lift High the Cross

Larry Shackley

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Arrington by Carolyn Arrington and their children.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

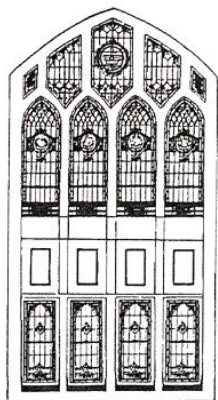
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 27, 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

✦ 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.

✦ Called Church-wide Business Meeting

May 7, 2025 | Fellowship Hall | 6:15 PM

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on adjusting our regular service hours to accommodate the seasonal changes in attendance and activities. The recommended schedule during June, July and August 2025:

- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Worship

Please plan to attend the meeting. Thank you for your continued faith, support, and dedication.

✦ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Party

Wednesday, May 7 | 5:15 PM

Children's Music & Missions last gathering of the year! Pizza and ice cream will be served.

✦ The Gathering Place Needs

CMJC is in need of: men's belts and shoes of all sizes; men's pants sizes 30, 32, 34, and 36. CWJC is in need of: women's spring clothes, shoes, and purses. We thank you for your continued support!

✦ 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

✦ Graduate Recognition Sunday | May 18, 2025

If you are a graduate of a high school, a college or a university please let us know if you will be present and participate in this service. A Luncheon for the graduates and families will be held after the worship service.

✂ Youth Disciple Now (DNow) Weekend | May 17–18, 2025

We're excited to announce that our youth will be participating in Disciple Now (DNow) on May 17–18, and we need your help to make this weekend a success!

DNow is a powerful retreat designed to help youth grow deeper in their relationship with Christ, build authentic community, and experience spiritual renewal. Through small group Bible studies, dynamic worship, and meaningful service opportunities, our youth will be encouraged to live out their faith boldly. What sets DNow apart is its focus on discipleship and connection. Students will stay in host homes with their peers, led by caring adult leaders who guide them through deep conversations, prayer, and spiritual reflection. It's a weekend full of laughter, worship, late-night talks, and life-changing moments.

A special thank you to Linda Alexander for opening her home to the girls and to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for hosting the boys!

We are looking for volunteers (individuals or Sunday School classes) to assist with the following needs:

Saturday, May 17:

- *Snack in Fellowship Hall* · *Late-night snacks (chips, granola bars, chocolate, etc.)*
- *Lunch donation (students will eat at a local restaurant)*
- *Snack donation for Beechwood while youth participate in afternoon pickleball*
- *Dinner host (home needed to prepare a meal and host the youth group)*

Sunday, May 18:

- *Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for the final worship service*

To sign up or ask questions, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046. A sign-up sheet will also be available behind the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our youth as we help them grow in faith and community!