

The Worship of God ✠ May 11, 2025
Fourth 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

May 11, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Mary Page Pierce, Miss Stuart Pierce & Miss Libby Pierce

INVOCATION

Mrs. Lisa Barmer

MESSAGE IN SONG

Chairo

Forever

"Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King: His love endures forever.

For he is good, he is above all things. His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever, God is faithful, forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, forever!"

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Barmer

Come, people of God. Come gather in the glory of the Lord!

We come with awe and reverence; His glory shines brighter than the sun.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

(Psalm 19:1)

From the highest heavens to the depths of the earth, the majesty of God fills all creation.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isa. 6:3)

We come to lift our voices in praise, for our God is holy, mighty, and glorious beyond measure!

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor." (1 Chronicles 29:11)

We worship You, O Lord, "for from You and through You and to You are all things.

To You be all glory forever!" (Romans 11:36)

+HYMN 349

To God Be the Glory
Fanny Crosby

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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 1 Timothy 1:15-17

In Pew Bible, page 258 of New Testament

Mrs. Linda Bazemore

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

+HYMN 343

His Name is Wonderful
Audrey Mieir

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Bazemore

PIANO OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Carol Tornquist

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY

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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!

MESSAGE IN SONG

Chairo

He Will Hold Me Fast

Ada Ruth Habershon

"When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,

For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast!"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Judges 4:1-9

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 273 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Women in Leadership

Dr. Bazemore

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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 395

Open My Eyes That I May See
Clara Scott

SCOTT

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

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+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.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Iris & Henry Bazemore by their children, David, Dennis, Debbie, Diane, and their families.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

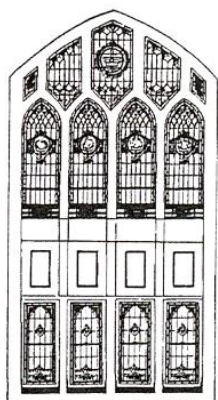
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

May 11, 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: Kay Byrd & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Winnie Matthews

✦ Business Meeting Update

At the called business meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 we voted for the Adjusted Summer Worship Schedule. There were 56 votes in favor of the change and 34 votes against it. Beginning June 1, 2025, Sunday school will begin at 9:00 AM and worship will begin at 10:00 AM.

✦ Canceled: Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17 has been canceled.

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

I'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following for their support of our upcoming Youth Disciple Now Retreat:

- Tom Fretwell for graciously providing the location for our Saturday Night Worship
- Jamie Burns and Lou Riddick for organizing and providing Sunday Morning Breakfast
- Clair Harrell and Beth Hassell for providing delicious snacks for our gatherings
- And a special thank you to everyone who made monetary donations to support these efforts!

We still have a few areas where we could use your help:

- Volunteers to provide the Saturday Night Meal and fellowship for our Youth
- Additional donations for Saturday Lunch and Saturday Snacks

If you'd like to contribute snacks, please drop off your donations in the basket located on the first floor and if you would like to contribute money, please turn that into our financial secretary, Sharon Hill, (write Disciple Now in the Memo if writing a check). Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Youth!

✦ 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.

✦ Organ & Piano Concert by Michael Morgan & Greg Barmer

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

✘ **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!

✘ **Thank you Dinner Hosted by The Gathering Place**

May 24, 2025 | 3:00 PM

Thank you, First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, for all of your help with Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps and the transitional house. You are invited to attend a thank you dinner on May 24. Please RSVP to Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301 or use the sign-up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board by May 20.