

The Worship of God ✠ May 18, 2025
Fifth 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 18, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

Dr. Greg Barmer

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry Pierce & Mr. Gates Vaughan, Acolytes

INVOCATION

Miss Madison Alexander

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Henry Pierce

Today, we gather in the presence of God, the source of all wisdom, guidance, and purpose.

We come to praise Him for his work among us and through us. We come to celebrate the achievements of our graduates and to give thanks to the Father for the journey that has brought them to this day.

We rejoice in God's faithfulness, pray for His Spirit's leading in the days ahead, and are reminded in His presence, that every good gift comes from above.

We lift our hearts in worship, giving glory to God who calls us all to learn, to grow, and to serve. With gratitude and hope, we worship you Lord—our Savior, our Teacher, our Foundation. Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 310 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

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.

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RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Miss Avery Thomas Byrum, *Ridgecroft School, Attending North Carolina State University*

Mr. Will Blanchard, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

Mrs. Jessica Brinkley, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

Mrs. Abbigail Outlaw, *East Carolina University*

Dr. Kathryn Paige Outlaw, *Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Mr. Lane Slachta, *North Carolina State University*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 3:1-6

Mr. Dempsey Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 720 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Power to Redeem

arr. Jay Rouse

+HYMN 71

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Gates Vaughan

PIANO OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

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 Hebrews 12:1-2

Miss Sophia Byrd

In Pew Bible, page 275 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Keep On Running

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 676 *Teach Me O Lord, I Pray*

DIADEMATA

+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

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Carol Tornquist

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our graduates.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

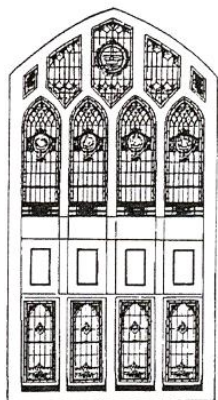
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 18, 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: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✦ **Organ & Piano Concert by Michael Morgan & Greg Barmer**
Today | 4:00 PM | Reception to follow

✦ **Adjusted Summer Hours | June 1 – August 31, 2025**
• Sunday School: 9:00 AM • Worship: 10:00 AM

✦ 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!

✦ **Women's Fellowship Supper | Fish Fry at The Mixed Grill**
Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 6:30 PM

All women of the church are invited to attend. To make your reservation, respond to the Facebook post, sign up on the bulletin board on the second-floor, or call the church office at (252) 332-4003.

✦ Upcoming Meetings

Building & Grounds | Monday, May 19, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | 7:00 PM

✦ **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.

✦ **Church Building Closed on Memorial Day | Monday, May 26, 2025**

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