

The Worship of God ✠ May 25, 2025  
Sixth 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 25, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

*Jesus, I Come*

Robert W. Thygerson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Jennifer Byrd & Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Greg Barmer

We gather in the royal name of Jesus, the Christ, the King of kings risen in victory over death and enthroned in glory.

**We come to crown Him with many crowns and to bow our lives in worship before the One whose love has redeemed us, whose grace sustains us.**

Awake, our souls! Rise and sing of Him who died for us and lives forevermore!

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave and who reigns not with earthly might, but with wounds of love, mercy, and grace!**

Let every voice be lifted in awe and worship, for Christ is risen, reigning, and worthy.

**We come to worship the Lamb, the Lord of love, the Prince of peace.**

**Glory and honor be to Christ forever! Amen.**

+HYMN 223

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

ANTHEM

*This I Know*

Cindy Berry

*"This I know, I have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for me.  
This I know, He died at Calv'ry to pay sin's debt that I might be free.  
Then He rose in glorious splendor to take His rightful place.  
And someday soon I'll see His face, this I know!"*

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      Jeremiah 17:7-8  
In Pew Bible, page 879 of Old Testament

Miss Sophia Byrd

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

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+HYMN 33      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Miss Jennifer Byrd

PIANO OFFERTORY      *America The Beautiful*

Mary McDonald

+ 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 8:36, Galatians 5:1  
In Pew Bible, page 124 & 232 of Old Testament

Dr. Bazemore

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

SERMON      *Freedom Comes with a Cost!*

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 660      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

+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

*And Can It Be?*

Anna Laura Page

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Nat and Lou Riddick.*

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

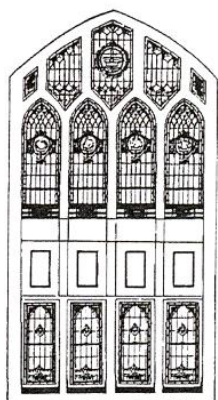
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

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 25, 2025

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ 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

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

## ✦ Adjusted Summer Hours | June 1 – August 31, 2025

• Sunday School: 9:00 AM • Worship: 10:00 AM

## ✦ Youth Disciple Now Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your incredible support of our Youth Disciple Now Weekend. Whether you participated, donated money or snacks, or lifted our youth in prayer, your generosity and encouragement made a lasting impact. Throughout the weekend, God moved in powerful and personal ways in the hearts of our youth (and leaders). We witnessed lives being shaped by His Word and by the love of a church family that is truly "All In: Loving and Leaning on God" which was our theme for the weekend. As Jesus reminded us in Matthew 22:37-40, the greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind—and to love our neighbors as ourselves. You have lived out that love through your actions, and your support has been a living testimony to the kind of love that fulfills God's law (Romans 13:8-10) and bears good fruit (Luke 6:43-45). Thank you for showing our youth what it looks like to walk in love and obedience (John 14:15, 1 John 5:3). Your investment in the next generation is a reflection of a heart fully surrendered to Christ.

With gratitude,

Lyndsay Britt

## ✦ No Choir Rehearsals | June 25 - July 30