

The Worship of God ✠ July 27, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 27, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Dempsey Pierce & Miss Libby Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Walt Pierce

Come, all who long to praise the Living God,

For His Word declares, “Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.” (Psa 145.3)

The Lord is our Creator,

“You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.” (Rev 4:11)

The Son is our Savior,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (Rev 5:12)

The Spirit is our Comforter,

still moving, still speaking, still guiding.

So we lift our hearts and voices to the One who is worthy.

You are worthy, Father, Creator!

You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer!

You are worthy, worthy of all our worship and praise!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 7 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

INVOCATION Mr. W. Pierce

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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 Psalm 27:1-6 Mr. Don Joyner
In Pew Bible, page 619 of Old Testament

ANTHEM *Fairest, Lord Jesus* Women’s Choir
arr. Don Chapman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 13:34-35 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 132 of New Testament

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

+HYMN 440 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE

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OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Joyner

ORGAN OFFERTORY Mr. Jordan Martin

+DOXOLOGY, hymn 705 GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen!

SERMON *What Do They Know About Us?* 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, 658 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

+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 by Lee and Lou Wilson.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

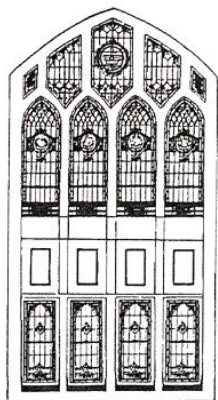
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

July 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: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✦ Adjusted Summer Hours | Through August 31, 2025

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

✦ Pastor Search Committee Update

On July 21 and 22, the Pastor Search Committee interviewed the two finalist candidates (out of a pool of 32), at length, at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. Both candidates presented themselves as excellent choices, both are very interested in our Senior Pastor position, and neither are under any expected timetable or deadline. While the PSC is eager to be able to finish its work and present a candidate to the congregation, much prayer and conversation is going to be needed before making that recommendation. The next PSC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 3, at 7:00 PM. We ask that you keep us, and our congregation, in your prayers as we continue to consider and gather information.

✦ Vacation Bible School | July 29 - 31 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

✦ Worship Decorating Committee Advent Planning & Banners

It is hard to believe, but the Worship Decorating Committee is already planning for Advent! We have some Chrismon's in need of repair and we would also like to make some new ones. We are also trying to repair and make some new banners. We don't want to have all the fun, so we are inviting others to help. Many of you may have made them in the past and we need your expertise! If you are interested in helping with this project, there will be a sign-up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board. Dates will be determined based upon interest.

✦ Women's Bible Study | July 31 (St. Thomas Episcopal Church) August 14 & 21, September 11 | 10:30 AM (FBCA)

✦ Faithful & Free Bicentennial History Books

We have Faithful and Free Bicentennial History books available to pick up at each church entrance. Written by Dr. Jesse J. Croom, his vision for these books would provide a love for our heritage, hope for our future and thanks to our loving God. Please consider making a donation to our Heritage and Hope Fund.

✦ Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul | April 6-20, 2026

Join us for a transformative pilgrimage combining the breathtaking beauty of Greece with deep spiritual growth as you literally walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through the Acropolis, Mars Hill, & the Athens Central Market. The journey includes a 7-day cruise of the Greek Islands with highlights in Ephesus, Mykonos, and Santorini. Led by Joe & Kim Olachea (from New Bern), respected and experienced teachers of Biblical history, and Greg and Lisa Barmer. \$5495 includes airfare from NJ, meals, ground transportation, 4 & 5-star hotels, tours, tips, etc. Contact Greg at (252) 362-1195 or Lisa at (252) 940-9296 for details and a brochure.

✦ No Choir Rehearsals | Through July 30

✦ The Gathering Place Ahoskie Needs

The Gathering Place needs used household furniture (pots, pans, couches, etc.) and women's deodorant and body lotion.