

# The Worship of God ₩ October 26, 2025 Twentieth 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

October 26, 2025 **A** 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**GREETING TO WORSHIPERS** 

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

If My People Will Pray

Fred Bock

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Sarah Jenkins & Miss Olivia Jenkins, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Linda Bazemore

Hear the Word of the Lord: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

praise Him according to His excellent greatness!" (Psalm 150:1–2)

Friends, we ve come to do just that—to lift high the name of Jesus,

our blessed Redeemer and everlasting King!

We will praise Him with joy and gladness!

His power saves, His love sustains, His mercy never fails!

He is our Rock in every storm, our Shepherd who leads us,

our Savior who gave His life that we might live.

So we join our voices with all creation and with all the heavenly hosts surrounding His

throne, together singing with loud voices, Worthy is the Lamb!"

Praise to You, Father, our Creator and King!

Praise to You, Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer!

Praise to You, Holy Spirit, our ever-present Guide and Holy Friend!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

+INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barmer

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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 Isaiah 2:11, Proverbs 29:23

Mrs. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 773 & 751 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

arr. Schulz

"Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer."

**+HYMN 576** 

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Barmer

OFFERTORY

Mr. Martin

+DOXOLOGY, Hymn 706

OLD 100th, alt

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

Luke 18:9-14

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 99 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

Opposing Prayers

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 471 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

+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** 

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. by Jack Schrader

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Frank & Penny Rose to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Tina Evans Wood, October 21, 1972 - December 19, 2024.

#### **OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

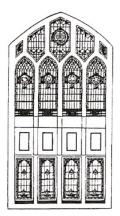
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

October 26, 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:

Crib: Anna Dawson & Kari Pierce

Ages 1 & 2: Debbie Greene, Sarah & Olivia Jenkins

Pre-K & K: Michelle Boyd & Henry Pierce

### ▼ Trunk or Treat | Today

Bring the kids in costume and enjoy a family-friendly night of treats and fun! We're still in need of **4** trunks, so if you'd like to decorate your car and hand out candy, please contact Sarah-Grace Britton at (252) 287-9858. We'd love to have you join the fun!

5:00-5:30 PM Trunk Set-Up

5:30–6:00 PM Trunk or Treating

5:00-6:00 PM Hotdogs

#### **▼** CBF Fall Youth Retreat at Caswell

Please keep our Youth in prayer as they're returning from their Youth Retreat today.

#### **№** 2026 Deacon Nomination Results

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, resident church members nominated persons to serve as deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026. The top five nominees who have agreed to serve are:

Nancy Freeman Stuart Pierce Walt Pierce L. Taylor Rose Brandon Zoch

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, members will have the opportunity to confirm these nominees.

### ■ All Saints Sunday | November 2, 2025

On November 2, 2025, we will recognize members and spouses of members of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie who passed away since November 2024.

### ₩ Women's Bible Study | November 6 & 20

### ■ Baptist Children's Homes Annual Offering

During the month of November, we're collecting donations for the Baptist Children's Homes. Checks can be made payable to First Baptist Church of Ahoskie with Baptist Children's Homes in the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Claire Presley at 287-6132.

### ▼ Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt

Congratulations to the Young Adult Sunday School class who won the scavenger hunt. They only missed one fire extinguisher. Your prize is forthcoming.

### ▼ Thank You, Youth Lunch Volunteers

Please contact Jennifer Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you have any questions.

November 2: Jerri Harrell, Sandra Pierce & Penny Rose

November 16: Pat Byrd & Susan Earley

### ■ Join Us for Chairo | Sundays at 2:00 PM | Grade 5 - Still Breathing

### **▼** Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is time to prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our church goal this year is to complete 150 boxes! Let's help share God's Love through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. Due to customs requirements, soap and toothpaste is no longer permitted. You may pick up boxes beginning Wednesday, October 22 in the library. FBCA participants may place their filled boxes in the library. Boxes from outside churches/individuals must be delivered during the designated drop-off dates of November 16-23 to ensure the paperwork is properly completed. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator at (252) 209-7744.

### **▼** Gathering Place Donations Needed

If you have gently used coats, jackets, warm hats or gloves that you can donate to us at The Gathering Place. This can be for women, men, and children. You can drop them off at The Gathering Place Ahoskie between 9:30 AM to 12 PM. We will also pick them up if you call Pat Byrd at 209-4301. Thank you and God Bless you.