

The Worship of God ✠ November 9, 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

November 9, 2025 ☩ 11:00 AM

*The Season of the Church Year: The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE arr. by James M. Stevens

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord with Be Still, My Soul*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Miss Madison Alexander & Mr. Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Chowan Student

Come, people of God! The Lord is with us, and wants to do a new thing among us!

**We come ready to be renewed - mind, heart, and spirit!**

The God who spoke light into darkness is shining today in our midst.

He breathes fresh life into weary souls, and revives His Church with hope and power.

**We welcome Your renewing Spirit, Lord! Make us alive again in You!**

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice in His mercy and rise up in His strength.

**Let every song, every prayer, and every heart be lifted to the One who makes all things**

**new. Come, Holy Spirit - renew Your Church, renew our hearts, renew this world!**

**We worship You, Lord of life and new beginnings!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 355 *Revive Us Again* REVIVE US AGAIN

+PRAYER OF PRAISE Dr. Greg 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.**

ANTHEM *Father of Light* C. Courtney

*"All praise to the name of the Father of Light, One who listens and hears when I call.*

*Every step He ordains I will walk without fear, in His light I'll not stumble or fall."*

*Linda Alexander, soloist*

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:17-24 Chowan Student

In Pew Bible, page 237 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 280 *Speak, O Lord* SPEAK, O LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Barmer

OFFERTORY

Mr. Martin

+DOXOLOGY, Hymn 706

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



+OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Haggai 1:2-8

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In Pew Bible, page 1074 of Old Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Commitment to Renovation*

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 641

*Higher Ground*

HIGHER GROUND

+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim & Dana Wiggins in memory of their parents, Bill & Ann Cullifer, and C.D. & Doris Wiggins.*

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

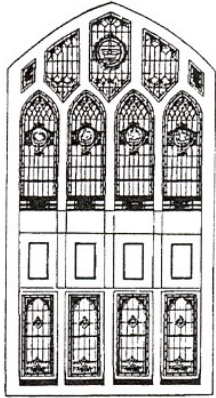
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
Interim Pastor

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

November 9, 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:*

*Crib: Blake & Abbigail Outlaw*

*Ages 1 & 2: Kay Byrd, Taylor F. & Carson Rose*

*Pre-K & K: David & Elizabeth Davis*

✘ **Finance Committee Meeting | Monday, November 10 | 7:00 PM**

✘ **Church Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day | November 11, 2025**

✘ **Fire Drill | Sunday, November 16, 2025**

*A fire drill will be held following our worship service on November 16. Will Blanchard will lead the evacuation. On Wednesday, November 12, he will meet with the Heath, Security, and Usher committees. Those who would like to assist are encouraged to attend. Fire Evacuation and Action Plans are available at each sanctuary entrance.*

✘ **Parent - Child Dedication | November 16, 2025**

*If you're interested in participating in the Parent - Child Dedication, please call the church office at (252) 332-4003.*

✘ **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**Youth Fundraiser | 5:15-6:00 PM**

**Business Meeting | 6:00-7:00 PM**

*Please plan to attend our first Youth fundraiser on Wednesday, November 19, from 5:15–6:00 PM, where we'll serve soup and sandwiches. The cost of the meal will be by donation. Please sign up on Facebook or on the second-floor bulletin board to help us prepare. Following the meal, we will discuss the 2026 Proposed Budget and information from the Pastor Search Committee.*

✘ **Thank You, Youth Lunch Volunteers**

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

**November 9: Pat Byrd, Susan Earley & Judy H. Pierce**

✘ **Join Us for Chair o | Sundays at 2:00 PM | Grade 5 - Still Breathing**

✘ **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.*

✘ **Women's Bible Study | November 20**

**✘ 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.*

**✘ 2026 Church Ministry Budget**

*The Finance Committee has completed the Proposed Church Ministry Budget for 2026 and it has been presented to and affirmed by the Deacons. A copy of this proposed budget for next year will be available this Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and available in the church office during business hours. There will be a Church-Wide Business Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM where the Committee will make a detailed presentation and provide you an opportunity to discuss it. The vote on the budget will take place before the beginning of worship on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**✘ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

*Our church goal this year is to complete 150 boxes! FBCA participants may place their filled boxes in the library. Boxes from outside churches/individuals must be delivered during the designated drop-off dates to ensure the paperwork is properly completed.*

*\*\*Every year Lee and Melanie Byrum borrow an enclosed trailer to deliver the OCC boxes to Elizabeth City, NC. If you have one that you are willing to lend out, please contact Melanie at (252) 209-7744.\*\**

**OCC Box Drop Off at FBCA**

Monday, November 17	4:00—6:30 PM	Friday, November 21	9:30—12 NOON
Tuesday, November 18	9:30—12 NOON	Saturday, November 22	11:00—1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 19	2:30—5:30 PM	Sunday, November 23	2:00—5:30 PM
Thursday, November 20	9:30—12 NOON		

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