

The Worship of God ✠ November 16, 2025
Twenty-third 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 16, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* arr. by Fred Bock
(Based on Debussy's Clair de Lune)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Graham Lawrence

Good morning, children of God!

Good morning!

Today we've come to worship the One who made everything - sky and sea, trees and flowers, animals and people!

God made the whole world and said, "It is good!"

The Bible tells us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

So we come to celebrate God's love - big enough for everyone, strong enough for forever!

Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We come to Jesus with happy hearts!

God gives us laughter, joy, and songs to sing!

So let's praise Him with our voices and our hearts!

Let's worship the Lord who made us, loves us, and calls us His own!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 17 *This is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

+PRAYER OF PRAISE Dr. Greg Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Dr. Bazemore

CHILD DEDICATION

Claire Young Outlaw

March 5, 2025

Daughter of Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Introduction of the Family

Statements of Commitment

Parents, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

We do.

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

We do.

Do you dedicate your children to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your children in the Christian faith; bringing them to church, leading them in prayer, and reading to them the scriptures, in order that they may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do.

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture these children in the Christian faith so that they may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Gifts

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.

MESSAGE IN SONG

Preschool Choir

Good Day Be Kind
With My Voice Jesus Loves Me
God's Masterpiece

+OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 89:1-2

Miss Stuart Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 671 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN 603

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Dempsey Pierce

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.

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 19:13-15

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 25 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus and Little Children

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 528

Lord, for the Gift of Children

NYLAND

+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 and in loving memory of Fletcher Pierce by the Pierce family. Today would have been Fletcher's 21st birthday.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

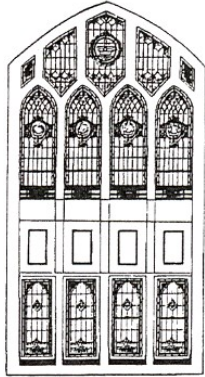
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 16, 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: Bill & Debbie Magette

Ages 1 & 2: William & Heather Alexander

Pre-K & K: Will & Ashlyn Blanchard

✘ Upcoming Meetings

Building & Grounds | Monday, November 17 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, November 18 | 7:00 PM

✘ Church Offices Closed | Thanksgiving Holiday | November 27 & 28

✘ Fire Drill Postponed

The fire drill scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2025 has been postponed. A new date is forthcoming.

✘ 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.

✘ Operation Inasmuch Christmas Day Lunch

December 25, 2025 | The Gathering Place | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

We are once again pleased to partner with other area churches to provide a free, delicious, hot meal, and fellowship for anyone in our community. The responsibilities of FBCA include cooking and slicing a turkey, preparing a pan of dressing (roaster pan size), and 14 cakes dessert. Each dessert should feed approximately fifteen people. If you'd like to volunteer for any of the listed items, please sign up on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor hallway. All food items are to be at The Gathering Place by 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. If items need to be delivered prior to that day, or if you'd like to assist with set up, serving, or delivery of meals to the homebound, please contact Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301.

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

✘ Women's Bible Study | November 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.

✘ 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 9th and available in the church office during business hours. There will be a Church-Wide Business Meeting on November 19th 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 7th.

✘ 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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