

The Worship of God ✠ November 23, 2025
Twenty-fourth 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 23, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 24th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. by Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Greg Barmer

In everything, God calls us to give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus. (1Thes 5:18)
Be filled with the Spirit; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, the Father. (Eph 5:18-20)
Give thanks to Adonai; for he is good, his grace continues forever. (Ps 107:1)
Give thanks to Yahweh; proclaim his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him; sing praises concerning him; tell of all his wonderful works. (Psa 105:1-2)
In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus. (1Thes 5:18)

+HYMN OF PRAISE 372 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER OF PRAISE Dr. Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Mrs. Ann Cooke

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.

SCRIPTURES OF THANKSGIVING Psalms 106, 69, 30 Ms. Jenni Byrd

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever!
I will thank you in front of the great assembly. I will praise you before all the people.
Let me shout God's name with a praising song, let me tell his greatness in a prayer of thanks.
I will sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

ANTHEM *This is the Day the Lord Has Made* Mark Hayes
This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be exceeding glad!
You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.
You are my heart's Desire; my soul implores me to exalt Your holy name, and
I must sing of the great love You've shown to me!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 100 Miss Byrd
In Pew Bible, page 679 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God; **Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN *We Gather Together* KREMSER

*We gather together this day of Thanksgiving, we offer our praises, we lift up our song;
God's hand has provided, our voices united, bring honor to His name, to Him praise belongs!*

*We all do exalt Him, the Lord of the harvest; and pray that His blessing will still overflow;
Let our adoration be heard in every nation, let God's abundant mercy forever be known.*

(Repeat stanza 1)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Miss Byrd

ORGAN 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.*

INTRODUCTION OF PASTORAL CANDIDATE Pastor Search Committee

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:28
In Pew Bible, page 192 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Good, The Bad, The Ugly for the Good?*

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 373 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

+BENEDICTION Dr. Barmer

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Dot & Bob Newsome, and Lena & Troy Newsome by Sandra Sheckells and Beth Nelson.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

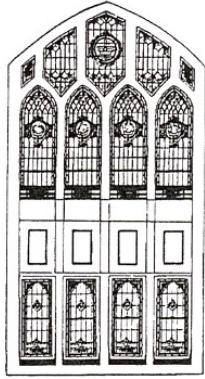
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 23, 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

✘ Special Called Conference | Today | Following the Worship Service

The Congregation will vote on the recommendation by the Pastor Search Committee.

✘ Youth Friends-Giving | Today | 12:15 PM

The Youth Friends-Giving party is today! Youth will meet in the fellowship hall following service and head to Ottos's. Youth can be picked up at Otto's at 1:15 PM.

✘ 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.

Today is the last day to drop off OCC Box Drop Off at FBCA. You may do so between 2:00-5:30 PM.

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

✘ 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

✘ 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.

✘ Angel Tree Christmas Project

Our Angel Tree is located on the first floor. When you take an Angel from the tree, sign your name and info on the board beside the corresponding number. Each angel has the resident's age, gender, and wish list to help one know a little about the resident. If the wish list has more than one item listed, they are just suggestions, and you do not have to get everything on the list but you are welcome to do so. You are also welcome to add any additional items if you desire. If you have any questions about your Angel, please call Ahoskie Health & Rehab (252) 332-2126 and ask for Carolyn or Nicole. When you call, please have your Christmas Angel Code ready as you cannot be helped without a code. All gifts for Angels are to be wrapped with the Angel Tag securely attached to the gift. This is the only way to identify whom the gift belongs to and return under the tree by December 14 for delivery. May God bless you and those who receive!

✘ 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 in the church office during business hours. The vote on the budget will take place before the beginning of worship on Sunday, December 7th.