



Epiphany Sunday

The Worship of God ✠ January 4, 2026

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 5, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *We Three Kings* arr. Patti Drennan
Mr. Martin & Mrs. Leah Newsome
piano duet

INVOCATION Dr. Bazemore

LITANY OF CELEBRATION Dr. Greg Barmer

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying, "Where is he who is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you!

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising!

Entering the house, the magi saw the Child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.

The wise folk still come, asking, receiving the Good News, and worshiping the Christ; the king of love, light of the world, the epiphany of God. May the assuring and healing light of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you!

+HYMNS OF PRAISE

Hymn 102 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH
Hymn 143 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

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 Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ms. Leah Woodard
In Pew Bible, page 898 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 120 *Emmanuel* McGEE

+HYMN 156 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Woodard

PIANO OFFERTORY *On Christmas Night* arr. Joel Raney
Mr. Martin & Mrs. Newsome
piano duet

+ CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 221 of New Testament

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEDITATION *New Year-New Life* Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE POURING OF CUP

PRAYER

Loving and Holy God, when the taste of the bread and the cup fades from our lips,
Remind our hearts to continue on remembering the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us.
For it is in you O' God that we find mercy,
For it is in Christ we have our hope,
For it is in the Holy Spirit we find guidance.
For the Lord's Supper we have shared and the truth it represents, we give you thanks. In Jesus
name. Amen.

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 151 *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

+BENEDICTION

+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

Angels We Have Heard On High
Mr. Martin & Mrs. Newsome
piano duet

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

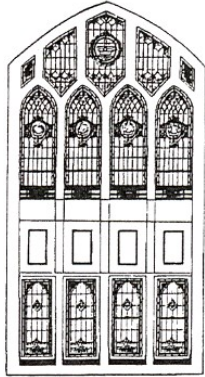
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

January 4, 2026

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

✘ Deacon Leadership 2026

On January 1, 2026, the five newly elected Deacons began their three-year term. Thank you, Nancy Freeman, Stuart Pierce, Walt Pierce, L. Taylor Rose and Brandon Zoch.

Chair: Nancy Freeman

Vice Chair: Walt Pierce

Secretary: Kari Pierce

The 5 rotating off are Josh Brinkley, Jamie Burns, Austine Evans, Betty Joyner and Jim Wiggins. Thank you all for your service to the church.

✘ Choir Resumption Schedule

January 7: Adult Choir

January 14: Children's Choirs

January 18: Chairo

✘ The Gathering Place Ahoskie Donations Needed

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| • Dishes | • Silverware | • Pots | • Pans |
| • Lamps | • Microwaves | • Used Furniture | • Women's Purses |
| • Men's Shoes | • Men's Belts | • Very Small Kitchen Table (for 2 People) | |

✘ Suggestion Box

You're encouraged to utilize the suggestion box to share your thoughts regarding the next steps addressing our church staffing needs. Please continue to keep our congregation in your prayers.