



The Worship of God ✠ December 28, 2025
The First Sunday of Christmas

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 28, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday of Christmas*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Wonderful Child* arr. Craig Curry
Mr. Martin, Mrs. Leah Newsome
piano duet

INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barmer

LITANY OF CELEBRATION Dr. Barmer

The Day of Celebration has come!

The Good Shepherd, the Prince of Peace, the Solid Rock has come to live among us!

Emmanuel, God with Us, Christ the Holy One, has come to give himself for us; to offer us peace, salvation, and life more abundant!

The Lord has reached his hand to us, a saving Light in the darkness of our sin! The Day of Celebration has come and we rejoice! Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 102 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

MESSAGE IN SONG *Ring the Bells* Vicky Overman
Ring, ring, ring the bells, ring them loud and clear,
To tell the children everywhere, that Christmas time is here!

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 60:1-7 Ms. Betty Joyner
In Pew Bible, page 846 of Old Testament

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

+HYMN 107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Joyner

PIANO OFFERTORY Mrs. Newsome

+CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dr. Bazemore

Ecclesiastes 7:8a

In Pew Bible, page 759 of Old Testament

2 Corinthians 13:5

In Pew Bible, page 227 of New Testament

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MESSAGE IN SONG

Adore

Chairo

Graham Kendrick

*You stepped down from heaven, humbly You came;
God of all creation, here with us. In a starlit manger, Emmanuel,
Light of the world, here to save.*

*Adore, come let us adore. Oh come let us adore Him;
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord, Let all that is within us adore.*

SERMON

Ending Well

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 148

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



+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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

arr. Kenon D. Renfrow

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

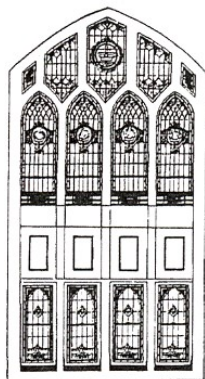
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

December 28, 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

✘ Church Building Holiday Hours | January 1, 2026: Closed

✘ Deacon Leadership 2026

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, resident church members confirmed the nominated persons to serve as deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026. The 5 newly elected Deacons are 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.

✘ Global Missions Offering Ingathering | March 2026

We will receive the annual Global Missions Offering through March 2026. 100% of your gifts support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving in the United States and around the world. This year's goal is \$9,000 and will be collected through the end of March 2026.

✘ From the Deacons

On Sunday, December 7, 2025, the congregation was informed that a comment box is available in the second-floor hallway, through January 14, 2026. You're encouraged to utilize the comment box to share your thoughts regarding the next steps addressing our church staffing needs. Please continue to keep our congregation in your prayers.