

The Worship of God ✠ January 18, 2026
Second Sunday After Epiphany

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 18, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Second Sunday After Epiphany

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us* arr. Gene Roberson
Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis & Mr. Pace Davis, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Greg Barmer

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion threatens to undo us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the lost are left without hope, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

We come to worship You God, who calls us and equips us to reflect your glory and abundant life into all the world.

We come to worship the Lamb who calls us by name, who meets us where we are, and leads us forward to serve. Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 559 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* WARRENTON

+INVOCATION Dr. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 40:1-10 Dr. Barmer
In Pew Bible, pages 631 & 632 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 473 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mrs. Pat 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.*

ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus

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*“Jesus, though He was God, did not cling to His rights as God,
But laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the form of a servant, and becoming like us.
He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
At the name of Jesus, every knee in heaven and earth shall bow.”*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:29-42

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 112 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Come and See - Go and Tell

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 435

Share His Love

SULLIVAN

+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

*We've A Story To Tell
Mr. Martin & Mrs. Newsome*

arr. James Koerts

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Gene & JoAnn Herring to the glory of God and in honor of their great nieces, Allie & Avery Byrum.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

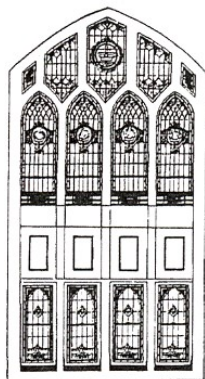
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 18, 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: Bill & Debbie Magette

Ages 1 & 2: Heather & William Alexander

Pre-K & K: Ashlyn & William Blanchard

✘ Upcoming Meetings

Building & Grounds | Monday, January 19, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM

✘ Youth "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt | Sunday, February 8, 2026

The youth group invites you to join them for fun and meaningful event—our "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, February 8, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM! This exciting activity will help stock the Ahoskie Food Pantry with much-needed items. The youth will be divided into teams to compete and see who can collect the most donations. Each item collected will be assigned points, and the team with the highest total score wins!

How You Can Participate: *If you would like to participate by having a youth team visit your home to collect donations, please sign up on the bulletin board behind the Sanctuary. Don't worry, if you don't sign up, the youth may still stop by your house to collect items, so be prepared! This is a wonderful opportunity to support the youth and help our church serve the community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046. Let's work together to make this "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt a success and bless many families in our community!*

Items Needed:

- Small containers (approximately 18 ounces) of: Mustard, mayonnaise, Ketchup, Jelly.
- Canned Soups
- Treet
- Garden Peas
- Canned Fruit

✘ Youth Lunch Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to cover youth meals for the following dates. Please contact Jennifer Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you'd like to volunteer.

- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22

✘ Wednesday Night Bible Study & Meal Information

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Meals will now be held once a month on first Wednesdays unless otherwise stated. We will have various Bible Study leaders over the next few months. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

✘ The Gathering Place Ahoskie Donations Needed

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

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