

The Worship of God ✠ January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 25, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

*The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday After Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Larry Shackley  
*Mrs. Leah Newsome*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Greg Barmer

The Lord is our light and our salvation, so why should we be afraid?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives, our fortress protecting us from danger, so why should we tremble?**

When the world presses in and voices of fear surround us,

**We lift our eyes to the One who shelters us and holds us fast.**

One thing we ask, one thing we seek:

**To dwell in the house of the Lord and gaze upon His beauty.**

So come - bring your confidence and your questions, your hopes and your longings.

**We wait on You, Lord, with courage, strength, and confidence. We worship You with joy, humility, and faith. May glory, honor, praise, and adoration be Yours both now and forevermore. Amen!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 159 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN

+INVOCATION Dr. Bazemore



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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 10:38-42 Mrs. Kari Pierce  
In Pew Bible, pages 87 & 88 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *The Lord Desires These Things* Larson

*"In what does the Lord delight? What does the Lord desire?  
In what will the Lord be pleased? What does the Lord require?  
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Psalm 27: 1, 4-9      Dr. Barmer  
In Pew Bible, pages 619 & 620 of Old Testament

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+HYMN 640      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*      SHOWALTER

+OFFERTORY PRAYER      Mrs. Nancy Freeman

VOCAL OFFERTORY      Mr. Martin  
*The Lord is My Light*  
*Frances Allitsen*

+DOXOLOGY, Hymn 706      OLD 100<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

SERMON      *Asking for One Thing*      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 49      *As the Deer*      AS THE DEER

+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.

*Due to the threat of inclement weather, no flowers were planned for morning worship.*

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#### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

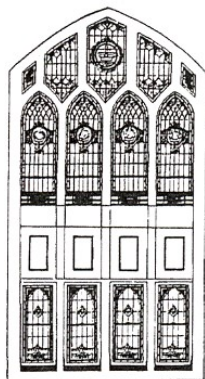
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
Interim Pastor

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 25, 2026

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✘ 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*

## ✘ From The Deacons

- *We are excited to announce that a Deacon Family Ministry project is in the works. Each deacon will be assigned to various church members and families. While all the deacons are available whenever you need us, this would expand that calling and provide a more personalized touch to our congregation. More details will be coming soon.*
- *Bids for the utility update project should be back in the next three weeks.*
- *The notes and letters from the “Suggestion Box” were opened and read in closed session at the 1/20/26 Deacon’s meeting. Each letter was read with open minds and hearts, giving each one careful consideration. We truly appreciate your candid and thoughtful suggestions about our next steps in addressing our church staffing needs. The Deacons will reconvene at a special-called meeting on February 1, 2026, for further discussion. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.*

## ✘ Youth Lunch Volunteers Needed

*We are looking for a volunteer to cover a youth meal for March 22. Please contact Jennifer Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you’d like to volunteer.*

• March 8: Joanna Dunn

• March 15: Rita Myers

• 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.*

## ✘ Women’s Bible Study Led by Phyllis Elvington

**The Gathering Place Ahoskie | February 7 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

## ✘ Youth Fundraiser at Napoli’s | Saturday February 28, 2026

**Breakfast: 7:00 AM-11:00 PM | Lunch: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Dinner: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

*Please show your support by bringing family friends and fellow pizza lovers. All tips earned will go directly to support the youth’s mission work in the Dominican Republic.*

## ✘ The Gathering Place Ahoskie Donations Needed

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

## ✘ 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

## ✘ Remember in Prayer

- Linda Alexander
- Trey Byrum
- Lynell Eure
- Earl Futrell
- Paul Jordan
- Susan Joyner
- Larry Rose
- Carroll Thompson
- Mary Ann Umphlett
- Family of Claire Presley

Dear Friend and FBC Ahoskie Youth Supporter,

We invite you to partner with the First Baptist Church Ahoskie Youth Group as we prepare for an upcoming **mission trip to the Dominican Republic**. This trip will provide our youth with a life-changing opportunity to serve others, grow in their faith, and experience God's work beyond our local community.

During this mission trip, our youth will work alongside local ministries to support community needs through service projects, outreach, and relationship-building. These experiences not only meet tangible needs but also help shape our students into compassionate, service-minded leaders.

To make this trip possible, we are seeking financial support from individuals who are willing to invest in the spiritual growth and service opportunities of our youth. Donations of any amount are deeply appreciated, and sponsors may choose to support specific needs, including:

- **Flight:** \$710 per student
- **Lodging:** \$140 per night
- **Mission Supplies:** \$200 (materials and resources for mission work)
- **Meals:** \$30 per day per student

Your generosity will directly impact our ability to serve. If you are willing to support our mission trip, donations may be made to **First Baptist Church Ahoskie** with "Youth Mission Trip – Dominican Republic" noted. Most importantly, we ask that you keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as we prepare for this journey.

Thank you for your time, prayers, and consideration. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

With gratitude,

*Lyndsay Britt & FBC Ahoskie Youth*



PLEASE JOIN FBC AHOSKIE YOUTH AT

# NAPOLI'S

As they raise money for their upcoming mission trip to The Dominican Republic

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**  
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**LUNCH: 11AM - 4PM**  
**DINNER: 4 - 9PM**

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