



THIRD SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 8, 2026

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 8, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

*The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Greg Barner

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE arr. Lenny Seidel  
*Moment by Moment*  
*Leah Newsome, piano*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Brian Outlaw & Peyton Outlaw, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Barner

Church, we have we gathered today because God is faithful!

**When the road has been uncertain, God has always been steady.**

When we have felt alone, God has always been present.

**When we have not known which way to turn,**

**God has always gone before us and led the way.**

From generation to generation, God keeps His promises. Not one word falls empty.

**Not one step is unseen. Not one prayer goes unheard.**

Right here, right now, the living God is among us - guiding, restoring, strengthening.

**Grow our faith, Father. We do want to trust your voice and follow your lead!**

**So we lift our hearts to you. We open your eyes to your presence.**

You are forever faithful, O God. So we come ready to worship the only One able to lead us!

**We praise you Father, that You have never failed us, never left us, and will not stop leading us home. May we be faithful to follow.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 33 CWM RHONDDA  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Jack Glasgow

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON Greg Barner  
John 5:1-9  
In Pew Bible, page 117 of New Testament

ANTHEM *To Love Our God* Mark Hayes  
from Ecclesiastes 1, 12

*Where does the wind come from, where does it go? Blowing north and south, how does it know?  
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be?  
Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun yet nothing gained.  
We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty! All is vain!  
To love our God, the reason we live! To love our God, the highest call!  
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole;  
For this purpose we were made, to love our God!*

MORNING PRAYER Greg Barmer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 Jack Glasgow  
In Pew Bible, page 79 & 80 of Old Testament

+HYMN 53 *Forever* FOREVER

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Brian Outlaw

OFFERTORY Jordan Martin

+ LENTEN DOXOLOGY, Hymn 171, stanza 3 WONDROUS LOVE

*“To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great “I Am,”  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!”*

SERMON *Is the Lord Among Us?* Jack Glasgow

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 72 *Day By Day* BLOTTEN DAG

+BENEDICTION Jack Glasgow

LENTEN RESPONSE arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+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

*Be Strong in the Lord*  
*Leah Newsome, piano; Jordan Martin, organ*

Tom Fettke

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hannah and Ollie Brown, by their children, Debbie, David, Anna Bess, and Sam, and their families.*

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

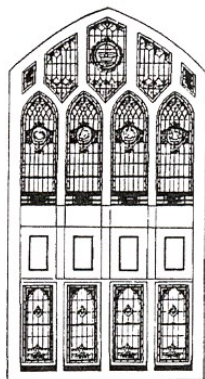
Dr. Greg Barmer  
*Interim Minister of Music*

Rev. Jack Glasgow  
*Preacher*

Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Pianist*

Mr. Jordan Martin  
*Organist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

March 8, 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: Blake & Abbigail Outlaw*

*Ages 1 & 2: Kay Byrd, Taylor F. Rose & Carson Rose*

*Pre-K & K: Davis, Elizabeth & Pace Davis*

## ✘ Remember in Prayer

•Sarah Grace Britton •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Baron Chamblee •Lynell Eure •Earl Futrell •Susan Joyner •Eunice Sellars •Family of Virginia Minton

## ✘ Upcoming Meetings

Finance | Monday, March 9, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Building & Grounds Meeting | Monday, March 16, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' Meeting | Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 6:00 PM

## ✘ Thank You from FBCA Youth

*Thank you to everyone who has supported the FBCA Youth fundraisers so far! Because of your generosity, we have raised \$12,596.26. We still need \$2,403.74 to reach our fundraising goal, and we're getting close! Please be on the lookout for one more upcoming fundraiser as we make our final push. Thank you again for supporting our youth and being part of what God is doing through them!*

## ✘ Contribution Statements

*Contribution statements are available for pick up in the second floor hallway. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact Sharon Hill at (252) 332-4003.*

## ✘ Newsletter & Bulletin Information

*Please email Jessica with midweek newsletter information by Noon on Monday and Sunday bulletin information by Noon on Wednesday. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.*

## ✘ Online Directory

*Please ensure the church office has your updated email address for our online directory. If you need assistance downloading the online directory app, or logging in on the web browser, please contact the church office. Printed copies are available upon request, though we would like everyone to be sure their contact information is updated before we print. Thank you for all your help.*

## ✘ Youth Lunch Volunteer Schedule

*Thank you, Youth lunch volunteers, for all of your help.*

March 8: Joanna Dunn | March 15: Lou Wilson | March 22: Rita Myers

### ✘ Global Missions Offering Ingathering

*We are receiving the annual Global Missions Offering. 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.*

### ✘ College Scholarship Applications

*Please call the church office if you would like an application. All completed applications are due in the church office by April 15, 2026.*

#### James Wilton "Wig" & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship

*Frances Bracy established a scholarship in honor of her family and her late husband Wig, desiring to make a college education affordable for church members who may have financial need or for whom college would otherwise be unattainable. FBCA members who will be college students during the 2026-2027 academic year are encouraged to apply.*

#### Oscar Creech Scholarship

*This scholarship is named after FBCA's longest tenured pastor who prayed that God would call persons, from among the FBCA membership, into full-time church-related vocation. Students who have sensed a call to ministry and are FBCA members, are encouraged to apply.*

### ✘ Candy Donations

*We are collecting candy donations for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations in the basket located by the library.*