

FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

The Worship of God ✠ March 22, 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 22, 2026 ☩ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Jack Glasgow

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Heath Britt, Wade Britt & Wyatt Britt, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Barmer

Friends, this season of Lent invites us on a journey - from weariness to renewal, from wandering to belonging, from old burdens to new life.

We have come longing for renewal and new life in God.

God calls us here to restore us.

Lord, meet our repentance with mercy and transforming grace, renew our hearts, awaken new life within us.

Even in the quiet and reflection of Lent, hope is stirring.

God's Spirit is at work softening hearts, lifting burdens, and planting seeds of resurrection life.

Make us new again, Father.

May we leave behind what weighs us down, receive the grace that makes all things new, and worship the One who brings life out of dust.

With grateful hearts and expectant faith, we come to sing your praises, Father!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 606 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-2 Greg Barmer
In Pew Bible, page 196 of New Testament

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Gilbert Martin
*"Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!"*

MORNING PRAYER Greg Barmer

+HYMN 48 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Lyndsay Britt & Adalyn Britt

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!”*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

Jack Glasgow

In Pew Bible, page 987 & 988 of Old Testament

SERMON

By the Word and the Spirit

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 545

In the Bulb There is a Flower

PROMISE

+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

Dry Bones

arr. Michael Ware

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of “Nanny” Nancy Outlaw and “Mammy” Rachel Young by the Outlaw family.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

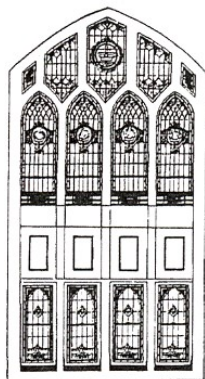
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Guest Preacher

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

March 22, 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

✘ Remember in Prayer

•Sarah Grace Britton •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Baron Chamblee •Virginia Chitty •Lynell Eure
•Earl Futrell •Noreen Hannon •Eunice Sellars •Condolences to the family of Sophia Sumner

✘ Youth Fundraiser Lunch | Today | Following the Church Service

Please support our youth group for their lunch fundraiser. The menu includes lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and assorted desserts. Meal cost is by donation. Reservations are not required. Takeout plates will be available.

✘ 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.

✘ Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 4, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Birth-Grade 5 | Home of Larry & Nancy Freeman 102 Lazy Hill Drive, Ahoskie, NC

✘ Candy Donations

We are collecting candy donations for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations in the basket located by the library. A special thank you to our youth group who will be filling the eggs!

✘ 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.

✘ Women's Bible Study Schedule | March 26 | April 23 | May 7 & 21

✘ 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.

✘ **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.

✘ **Church Building Closed in Observance of Easter Monday | April 6, 2026**

✘ **College Scholarship Applications | Due April 15, 2026**

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.