



# Easter SUNDAY

The Worship of God ✠ April 5, 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

April 5, 2026 ☩ 11:00 AM

☩ *The Season of the Church Year: Easter Sunday*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Marilyn Ham  
*Leah Newsome & Jordan Martin, piano*

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Heath Britt

ANTHEM *On the Third Day* Pote  
*Jesus was crucified, he died and was buried. Jesus was crucified. On the third day Christ arose!  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end.  
On the third day Christ arose!*

+THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS Greg Barmer  
Welcome Resurrection Sunday! The world is turned upside down! So come, you people of God, the Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! The end is the beginning, and death has become life! Alleluia!**  
Today we join with whole company of God's people the world over, to proclaim that Christ is Lord. Our Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Stones are rolled away, tombs are empty, and new possibilities are born for us all! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

+HYMN 194 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

+INVOCATION Greg Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Ann Cooke  
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.**

+HYMN 208 *He is Lord* HE IS LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Scott Outlaw

PIANO OFFERTORY *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Joel Raney  
*Leah Newsome & Jordan Martin, piano*

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MESSAGE IN SONG

*The Holy City*  
Stephen Adams

Jordan Martin

*Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,  
Methought the voice of angels from heav'n in answer rang;  
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king!"*

+GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

Greg Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 109 of New Testament

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



SERMON

*Jesus Knows Me, This I Love*

Greg Barmer

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 OF RESPONSE 620

*Because He Lives*

RESURRECTION

+WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD

We believe in an Easter God who transforms darkness into light, hatred into love, and despair into hope!

**We believe God is always working for good, turning defeat into victory and changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.**

We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence; word and gesture; who calls us by name to overcome the world and joyfully enter the dance of life!

**We believe in his Holy Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave our tomb-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully!**

We believe his Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice grace and mercy, who encourage beauty and forgiveness, and who serve his both present and coming Kingdom.

**We believe we are an Easter People, a sign that with God, all things are possible! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!**

+BENEDICTION

Greg Barmer

+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

*The Day of Resurrection*  
*Leah Newsome & Jordan Martin, piano*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

***We offer a special welcome to our brass players from the ECU School of Music:  
Joshua McPherson, William Mosley, Olivia Pustilnik, and Daniel Snyder.***

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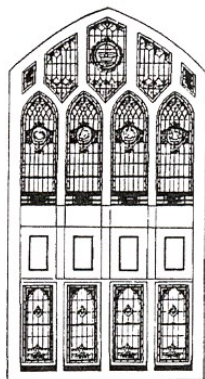
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

April 5, 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: Sylvia Britt & Winnie Matthews*

*Ages 1 & 2: Bland, Nancy Baker & Lily Ann Brinkley*

*Pre-K & K: Lisa, Victoria & Peyton Outlaw*

## ✘ Remember in Prayer

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

## ✘ Benevolence Offering Received Today

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

## ✘ 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.*

## ✘ Global Missions Offering Ingathering

*Thank you to all who donated to our Global Missions Offering. The total amount raised is \$7,031.87. 100% of your gifts support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving in the United States and around the world.*

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

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

# Online Instant Church Directory



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