

The Worship of God ✠ May 3, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 3, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Greg Barner

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Lord, Speak to Me* arr. Lani Smith

+CALL TO WORSHIP Stuart Pierce & Milly Vaughan

Good morning, everyone! Today we gather with songs in our hearts and joy in our voices to praise God, the God of all the nations.

**We come as children of God, young and old, ready to sing, listen, and celebrate!**

The Bible tells us to “make a joyful noise,” and kids are really good at that!

**So today, don’t worry about not being a great singer.**

**Let’s just make music together for God.**

Music is a gift.

**It helps us feel brave when we’re scared, happy when we’re sad, and close to God all the time.**

And children are a gift too.

**Jesus welcomed the children, listened to them, and loved them.**

**Today, we remember that everyone matters, no matter how big or small, no matter what their talents are, no matter where in the world they live.**

So let’s open our hearts! Let’s lift up our voices!

**Let’s sing and worship God together with joy!**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

MORNING PRAYER Jack Glasgow

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 Graham Lawrence  
In Pew Bible, page 41 of New Testament

MESSAGE IN SONG Preschool Choir

*Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord*      *Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
*Oh, Be Careful*      *I Have the Joy in My Heart*      *This Little Light of Mine*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Kay Byrd

OFFERTORY Jordan Martin

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Choir

*Everything Sing Glory In Your Love Rejoice  
I Have a Song, Combined Choirs*

MESSAGE IN SONG

3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

*O Sing a New Song O For a Thousand Tongues  
You Know I Wanna Be*

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4

Jack Glasgow

In Pew Bible, page 158 & 159; 160 of New Testament

SERMON

*Easter People Have a Global Perspective*

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 273

*In Christ There is No East or West*

McKEE

+BENEDICTION

Jack Glasgow

+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

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Nancy Freeman.*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

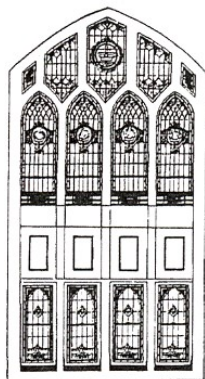
Rev. Jack Glasgow  
*Interim Pastor*

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

May 3, 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: Nancy Perry, Mary Page & Stuart Pierce*

*Pre-K & K: Georgia Copeland & Corbett Britton*

## ✠ Remember in Prayer

•Sarah Grace Britton •Judd Byrd •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Baron Chamblee •Virginia Chitty •Lynell Eure  
•Earl Futrell •Noreen Hannon •Carl Pierce •Eunice Sellars

## ✠ Called Business Meeting Information | May 13, 2026 | 6:30 PM

*This will be the first of our quarterly business meetings, scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. During this meeting, we will discuss a proposed amendment to the church By-Laws, specifically Article X, Section 1(A), which addresses the process for the election of a pastor. After discussion, a church vote on this proposed by-law amendment will be held at the business meeting.*

*Another matter of business will be the unanimous recommendation from the Deacons to reinstate the prior Pastor Search Committee. The committee members are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson. After discussion, a church vote to reinstate this committee will be held.*

*We are happy to announce, with a unanimous recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the Deacons unanimously approved the hiring of Rev. Jack Glasgow as our Interim Pastor. Rev. Glasgow will preach as a guest on April 12, 2026, and will officially begin his duties as Interim Pastor on April 16, 2026. Details regarding his employment will be shared at the upcoming business meeting. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Glasgow to First Baptist Church Ahoskie.*

*Reports will be presented from the following committees: Finance Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, Utilities Committee, and WMU-Missions. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.*

## ✠ Graduate Information | Due Today

*We would love to recognize high school and college graduates in an upcoming newsletter. To submit a graduate, please email Jessica with the following details by **Sunday, May 3, evening**: a headshot photo (it does not need to be professional, but should clearly show the graduate), the graduate's name, school name, degree and graduation date.*

## ✠ Baccalaureate Breakfast for High School Graduates | May 17 | 10:00 AM

*The FBCA youth will be hosting a Baccalaureate breakfast for our two graduating high school seniors, Ben Woodard and Justice Zoch, and their parents on Sunday, May 17, at 10:00 AM during their regular Sunday School time. Thank you to our youth for giving them a warm send off as they move on to the next big chapter in their life.*

✘ **Baccalaureate | May 17 | During Worship**

*Our high school graduates will process in cap and gown and receive gift books from the church in the 11:00 AM service. We also want our college graduates, if possible, to be present in worship that day as we will recognize them and present them with a gift book from our congregation. We are proud of all our graduates and celebrate this milestone in their lives with them.*

✘ **First Wednesday | May 6, 2026**

**5:15 PM Bible Study**

*Please join us this Wednesday, May 6, our Interim Pastor will continue to lead the study, “The Seven Living Words from the Cross”, with the discussion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> word, “The Word Compassion.”*

**6:00 PM Pancake & Sausage Dinner**

*Donations will help the FBCA Kids (Grades 3-6) that are attending Passport Camp at Eagle Eyrie in June. Please sign up on Facebook post or sign-up sheet.*

✘ **Youth Letters for Mission Trip**

*We would like members of FBC Ahoskie to write letters of prayer and support to the youth while they are on their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Letters can be dropped off in Jessica's office through May 31. There are 13 youth participating: Sophia Byrd, Lily Ann Brinkly, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce, Dempsey Pierce, Gates Vaughan, Jade Jones, Hannah Jones, Gabriel Loucas, Eri Lynn Loucas, McKynlee Loucas, Lily Bowe, and Justin Cox. There are 5 FBC Ahoskie Members participating: Kari Pierce, Lyndsay Britt, Jenny Byrd, Jessica Brinkley, Winnie Matthews. Thank you for your support and prayers.*