

The Worship of God ✠ May 17, 2026
7th 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 17, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Take Time to Be Holy* arr. Cindy Berry

+CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Barmer

Today we gather with gratitude to God for journeys completed and new chapters beginning.

We come seeking the wisdom and guidance of God.

Some among us stand at the edge of new beginnings, filled with both excitement and uncertainty.

And we know that God goes before us and with us. Scripture reminds us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

We do not worship because we have every answer.

We worship because God is faithful through every season. So we come and seek the heart of God together.

We offer our dreams, our fears, and our future to the Lord.

May we listen for God's voice above the noise of the world.

May we have courage to follow wherever He leads. Come, let us worship.

We seek Your will, O God. Shape our lives for Your glory. Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST DENIO

+MORNING PRAYER Greg Barmer

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 Ephesians 3:14-21 Greg Barmer
In Pew Bible, page 236 of New Testament

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Jack Glasgow

High School

Benjamin Anderson Woodard, Lawrence Academy

Justice Zoch, Hertford County Early College High School & Roanoke Chowan Community College

University

Lanie Lee Byrum, East Carolina University

Blake Outlaw, East Carolina University

Isabella Caroline Woodard, East Carolina University

Reagan Mallory Zoch, Gardner-Webb University

+HYMN 436 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Nancy Freeman

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!

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:1-13 Jack Glasgow
In Pew Bible, page 88 of New Testament

SERMON *Easter People Have Lifelong Curiosity* 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 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

+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 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Arrington by Carolyn Arrington and their children.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

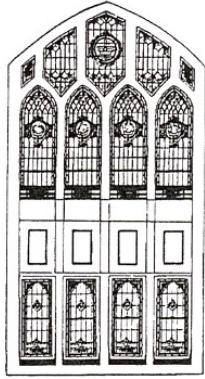
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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 17, 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: Bill & Debbie Magette

Ages 1 & 2: William, Heather & Abby Alexander

Pre-K & K: Will & Ashlyn Blanchard

✘ Remember in Prayer

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

✘ From the Deacons

Thank you to everyone who attended the Church Business Meeting on Wednesday night. We had good participation and discussion.

- *The church voted to amend the By-law Article X, Section 1(A) Election of Pastor to change the affirmative vote required from 85% to two-thirds (2/3%)*
- *The church voted to reappoint the Pastor Search Committee. Members include: Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins and Lee Wilson.*
- *The church voted to hire Greenfields Church Consulting (Rev. Craig Janney) to assist the Pastor Search Committee.*
- *The church voted to create a deacon appointed ad hoc committee to investigate ways to approach the capital campaign funds needed for the church electrical & mechanical updates and renovations. This would include financing options.*
- *Reports were also presented by the following committees: Personnel, Finance, WMU- Missions, Building & Grounds and Utilities.*

✘ Church Building Closed in Observance of Memorial Day | May 25, 2026

✘ Pastor Search Roundtable Discussion | Wednesday, May 20 | 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

*Every member of FBC is encouraged to be present for Roundtable Discussion on Wednesday, May 20 from 5:30 until 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our consultant from Greenfields, Craig Janney, will be present to facilitate the discussion. Around each table we will discuss questions to get your opinions and feedback as we move forward in our pastoral search process. Your participation is important to the process and your opinions are valued. *No bible Study on May 20. **

✘ **No Bible Study | May 20**

Due to the Pastor Search Round Table Discussion on Wednesday May 20 at 5:30 PM, there will be no bible study. Please join us at the meeting as your participation is valued in this process.

✘ **Upcoming Meetings**

Building & Grounds Meeting | Monday, May 18, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' Meeting | Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Pastor Search Roundtable Discussion | Wednesday, May 20 | 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

✘ **Thank You from Our FBC Kids**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Supper and Cake Auction fundraiser for Passport Kids! We are excited to share that, thanks to your generosity, we reached and surpassed our goal of \$2,700. The kids and chaperones are looking forward to this wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and deepening their faith. The love and support from our church family is so encouraging and appreciated. We are grateful!

✘ **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, Erilynn 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.