

Worshiping Together
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025 – 5:30pm

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Gathering: We have come together in the Lord’s name, from varied places, from our families, to be a worshipping people of God. Gathering means that we are one people, a people united in a common worship of God.

***Please stand if able**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Greeting

Call to Worship

On this holiest of nights,
**we come, joining the shepherds
who are stunned by wonder.**

On this most silent night,
**we come, our hopes and dreams
joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

On this night of carols and candlelight,
**we come, our glad songs joining
with the choirs of angels over us.**

-written by Rev. Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies. Posted on LiturgyLink.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #154 (v. 1,2,4)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #180

Lighting of Advent Candles

“Away in a Manger” #205

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Jan Lee

Reflection

Pastor Joy

“How Many Kings?” by Downhere

Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Russ Testorff

Reflection

Pastor Joy

“Angels We Have Heard on High” #188

Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Lynda Alderman

Reflection

Pastor Joy

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #182

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Austin Marshall

Communion

Lewis Family

“Silent Night” #186

Benediction

Postlude “O Holy Night” #187



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First Baptist Church Ottawa is a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

The radically inclusive love of Jesus inspires us to be a fully welcoming and affirming congregation.

All are loved here. All are safe here. All are invited to full participation in our life together.

Based upon calling, gifting, talent, experience and maturity, we celebrate baptism, communion, marriage, leadership, teaching and ordination with any gender, race, nationality, sexual orientation or identity.

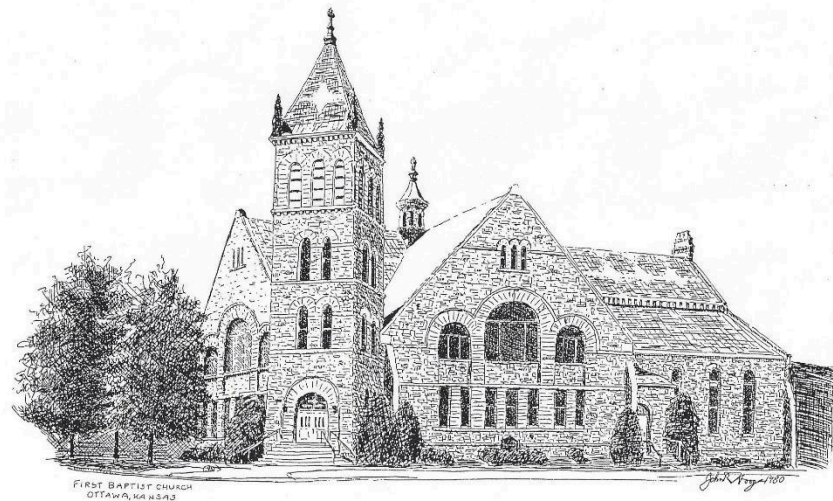
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

John 1:1-5 (NRSVUE)



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Join us Sundays at 9:30 am for Worship with Fellowship Hour following the service



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