

Worshiping Together
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: We have come together in the Lord's name, from our homes, 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 "Away In A Manger"

Lighting of the Candles
The Gospel Procession
Words of Welcome
Announcements

***Time of Greeting**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

***Opening Song of Praise:** "Day by Day/Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

***Song of Praise:** "Joy To The World"

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 146:5-10 Russ Testorff

Lighting the Candle of Joy Diane and Frank Caryl

Hymn of Praise: "Hymn of Joy"

***Tithes and offerings collected during this song**

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.*

Children's Sermon

Janet Wolken

*Nursery and toddler care is provided in the choir room, next to the Parlor.

*K - 2nd grade are dismissed to attend children's church in the Education Bldg.

Song: "Little Drummer Boy" Corky Wolf

New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10 Russ Testorff

Song of Reflection: "Adore"

Gospel Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Sermon: "Waiting on Joy" Pastor Joy

***Song of Response #177:** "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

***Benediction**
Postlude



PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 in the library. If you have a prayer request for Wednesday, call or e-mail the church office.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Bob Lovett (Kim Randel's father); Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; Jenna Johnson; Angela Audiss; Jane Smith; Warren Smith

Shut-Ins: Dana Coble; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert; Jeannie Randel; Bob & Judi Becker; Lex & Dee Gislar

Military Service People: PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt Matt Ashwill, Germany (Melissa Ashwill's son)
We make every effort to keep this list updated. Please inform us when there are changes.



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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.



Feel free to bring items anytime but we will be emphasizing
Hope House giving the **first Sunday of each month.**
Spaghetti sauce, Corn, Peas, Mixed veggies, Mac & cheese
Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels always needed
*No longer needing plastic containers

A meal train has been set up to provide meals for Jane and Warren Smith.
You can sign up with this link.

<https://www.giveinkind.com/inkinds/Q3X1T6L/meal-train-for-jane-27>

The Blue Christmas Service/Longest Night Service is going to be at Ottawa First UMC on Sunday, December 21st at 5:00 pm. This will be a combined service with First UMC, FBC and Westminster Presbyterian.

The Missional Outreach Committee invites you to take a tag from the back of the sanctuary this Sunday to "adopt" a local family for Christmas. Please bring the gifts to the office by December 21st.

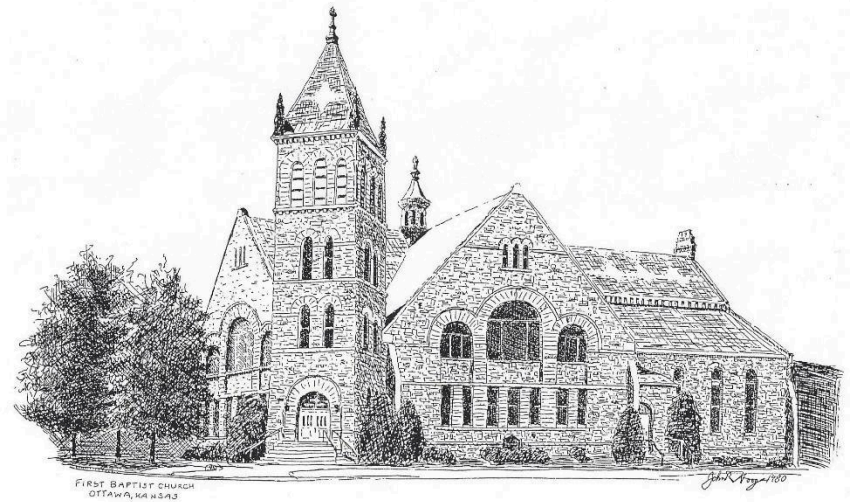
Today at noon, our men's bible study group will be hosting Chiefs and Chili. Join us to watch the Chiefs game and enjoy a bowl of chili in Elliott Hall.

Reminder, we are collecting socks and gloves to be given away at our Thankful Monday meal, please bring them on a Sunday, drop them by the office or bring them to the meal on Monday, December 22nd at 5pm.

Tis the season to show appreciation. Let us join together in collecting a monetary love gift for our staff in this season of love, giving, and joy. They do so much for us and our church. Please note "Love Gift" on your donation.

There will be no Sunday School for adults, youth, and children on the following Sundays: today, December 28, and January 4.

Our Candlelight Communion service will be held on Christmas Eve at 5:30pm.



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