

**Worshiping Together**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 15, 2026 – 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**

**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:** "Your Grace Is Enough"

**\*Song of Praise:** "I Stand Amazed"

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 23 Diane Caryl

**Hymn of Praise:** "The Power of Your Love"

\*Tithes and offerings collected during this song

**"Prayer for Storytelling"**

Leader: Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables: He did not say anything to them without using a story.

**People: For through stories, God’s truth is revealed, and His promises are remembered.**

Leader: The prophet declared, "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

**People: Through sacred stories, the mysteries of God shine into our lives.**

Leader: From the stories of Abraham and Sarah to the songs of the psalmists, to the parables of Jesus-God has always spoken to us in word and witness.

**People: We receive these stories as gifts, shaping our faith and guiding our walk with Christ.**

Leader: In telling, we remember. In listening, we believe. In sharing, we are transformed.

**People: Let us tell our stories, for they are testimonies of God’s grace and power.**

Leader: Children, youth, and elders alike bear witness to God’s love through stories.

**People: Our voices join in the great story of redemption, which continues in us today.**

Leader: As Baptists, we affirm the priesthood of all believers, and every believer carries a story worth telling.

**People: We will speak of God’s mercy in our lives and listen for His truth in the stories of others.**

**All:** Lord of parables and promise, sanctify our stories that they may point to You. May our lives become living testimonies, telling the story of Jesus and His love. *Amen.*

**Children’s Sermon**

Josh Robinson

\*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.

**New Testament Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Diane Caryl

**Song of Reflection:** "Still Waters"

**Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-12; 40-41

**Sermon:** "Amazing Grace"

Pastor Joy

**\*Song of Response #491:** "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



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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.*



**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**

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

**Shut-Ins:** Dana Coble; Sylvia Starky; Golden Peterson; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert; Jeannie Randel; Bob & Judi Becker; Lex & Dee Gislar; Ron & Linda Walker; Bob & Marilyn Lovett

**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.**



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

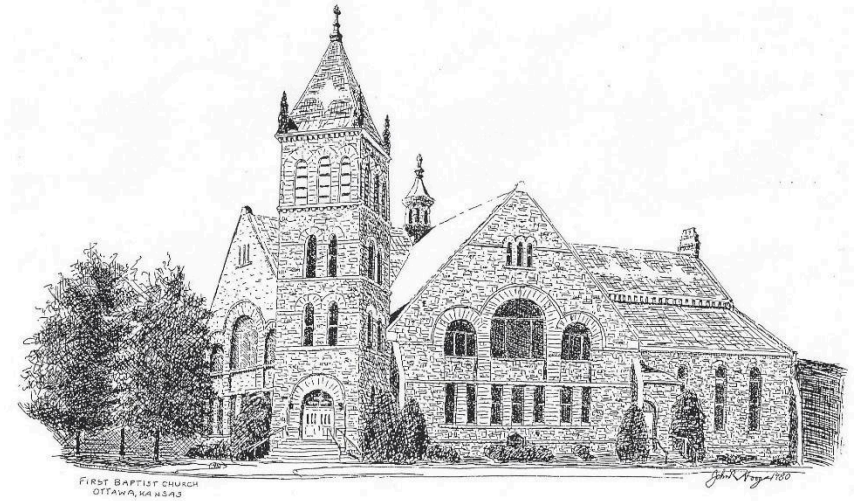
We will be collecting for America for Christ during March. FBC has collected **\$735** so far this month. Contributions to the America for Christ Offering help support a wide range of ministries, including:

- Leadership development for pastors, chaplains, and laity
- Community-based ministries that address hunger, housing insecurity, and economic hardship
- Justice-focused initiatives responding to systemic inequities
- Faith formation and discipleship across generations

ABWM will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 9:30 in Elliott Hall. Jan Lee will be hostess. The program is Skylor from Ad Astra Advocacy Center; the project will be size 4, 5, 6, or 7 diapers or money for Life Care. All women are invited to attend.

**Sunday School Info**

There will be no Sunday School for all ages on Easter (4/5) and Mother's Day (5/10)



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