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# First Baptist Church

of West Townsend

Est. 1827



♦ **Church Deacons:**

Robert Gaskins      Scott Fessenden

Justin Galvin      Hannah Galvin

♦ **Sunday School Teachers:**

Scott and Jenn Fessenden - Pre-school to age 12

Justin and Hannah Galvin - Ages 12 - 17

☆ Please email any events or announcements  
to JeffW6379@gmail.com by Wednesday.

Please visit [www.prayergarden.us](http://www.prayergarden.us) for updated news, calendar,  
announcements, our full Statement of Faith, and Church Covenant.

Also see Pastor Ron Sylvester's Statement of Faith, testimony, views on  
local church autonomy and the tasks of a church's interim journey.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so  
you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled  
with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the  
inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has  
rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the  
Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Colossians 1: 11-14

**December 14, 2025**

**11:00 am Worship Service**





## First Baptist Church of West Townsend

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### Welcome

**Worship in Song** - Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn 97)  
O Come All Ye Faithful (hymn 91)  
What Child Is This

**Prayer and Sermon** - Series: "Why Jesus Came"  
Jesus Came to Give Us Life  
Pastor Ron Sylvester

**Worship in Song** - The First Noel (Hymn 94)

### Announcements

**Benediction** - Pastor Ron

**Greeting Time**

**First Baptist Church of West Townsend**  
Organized in 1827

461 Main Street, W. Townsend MA 01474  
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## Upcoming Events and Announcements

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**Prayer Meeting** on Thursday evenings at **6 pm** at the church.

**Adult Bible Study** on Sunday mornings at **9:45 am** downstairs.

**Sunday school** for all ages (4-17) at **9:45 am** every week downstairs.

### **Christmas Day Dinner, doors open at 1 pm**

Family style meal served at 1:30 pm in fellowship hall.  
All are welcome. Transportation and delivery available. Please see  
Jamie Whelan or Jenn Fessenden if you have any questions.

### **Monthly Women' Prayer Meeting**

All women are welcome to join us downstairs, for intentional  
prayer time. January date TBA.  
See Jamie Whelan or Jenn Fessenden with any questions.



**Electronic Giving** - We now have 3 options for  
electronic giving: the link on our website, scan the QR  
code here, or download the **Tithe.ly** app

### **Questions, prayer requests or any other needs:**

Email: [FirstBaptistChurchWT@gmail.com](mailto:FirstBaptistChurchWT@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.prayergarden.us](http://www.prayergarden.us)

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[1] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. [2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. [5] A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” [6] This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

[7] So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. [11] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (ESV)

## “Jesus Came to Give Us Life”

## Shepherds loom large in the Christmas story

## Shepherds feed and lead

## Good and bad shepherds in Scripture

## John 9 and the healing of a blind man

## The Pharisees reaction

### Jesus' response



## Take Home Sermon Notes

### December 14, 2025

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## What it is not

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1. Be alert and listen carefully to guard against “thieves” who will rob you of the life Jesus gives
2. Have you become satisfied or settled for a small measure of what Jesus can give you?

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