

LEAD **TEACH** **SERVE**
We have
DIFFERENT GIFTS,
according to the
GRACE GIVEN
to each of us.
ROMANS 12:6, NIV
GIVE SHOW MERCY

ENCOURAGE
SERVE
TEACH
GIVE

WORSHIP OF GOD | 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | September 3, 2023
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor
Henry Griffin, music director | Betsy Vipperman, Communion Assistant



At First Baptist Church we welcome and affirm all people regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation in worship, in community, in membership, and in all aspects of congregational life. If you wish to be a part of the FBCR community, we have good news – we already consider you a part. Please sign our guest book or trade contact information with any member so we might get to know you better and help you connect more fully. If you wish to consider

entering into a covenant relationship (membership) with FBCR, ask any member to tell you about their experience. Welcome.

We're delighted you've joined us in worship today. If this is the first time or one of the first times you've worshiped with us, would you consider letting us know? We would love to get to know you better. If you are willing to trust us with your contact information so we may connect you soon, please sign the book in the narthex, complete the card found in the small pocket in your pew—placing it in the offering plate, or go to rochesterfbc.org/guest.

Thank you to those participating in today's service including: Jean Garling, reader; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien ushers; Susen and Scott McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, piano, music director.

Call to Worship

Psalm 105: 1-4
(Adapted for Worship—jgc)

Jean Garling

One: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim God's name;
make known among the nations what God has done.

**ALL: Sing to God, sing praise to God;
tell of all God's wonderful acts.**

One: Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**ALL: Look to the Lord for strength; always seek God's face.
We worship God together with rejoicing.**

***Hymn 113**

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

E. Plumptre,
A. Messiter

Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 14:5-14

Jean Garling

Morning Prayer

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Alleluia from Esther

G. F. Handel

Children's Time

Pastor Joanne

***Hymn 695**

As We Gather At Your Table

C. Daw Jr.,
attr. B. F. White

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Work and Rest

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

**congregation sings*

Giving our Gifts to God

In response for the gift of God's abundance, we return to God gifts of what we have and gifts of who we are. To contribute financially to the work of FBCR you may leave an offering in the plate as it is passed, send an offering by mail, or give at rochesterfbc.org/contribute.

Music in Response

I Never Saw a Moor

R. Pearson-Thomas
text: Emily Dickason

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Betsy Vipperman, assisting

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, we come to Your table empty to be filled that we might be empowered to serve You and our neighbor with hope and love. Fill us for Your sake and our edification we pray. Amen.

The Great Feast

*O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

Benediction

***Parting Music 393**

v. 1

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
arr. L. Mason

J. Faucett, J. Nägeli,

*Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

INVITATION TO MIS

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors): Thursday, September 7, we will begin with chair exercise at 11:30 AM; lunch at 12:15 PM; and at 12:30 PM a program. This week Doris Adamek reviews, *Voices from the Past: An Ellis Island Journal*. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at kandeetabor@gmail.com.

This is the last week to bring your twin-sized comforter sets or “bed-in-a-bag” sets for children, tweens, and teens for our Mission Project with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. You can also donate new blankets (purchased or homemade). No **pillows or sheets sets** needed at this time! These items will be displayed at the front of the church as they are collected and will be accepted until noon on September 8.

On September 9, several people from the church will meet at Macedon Lowes for a Build Day helping others in the community build bunk and twin beds to help insure that *No Child Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town* (Greater Rochester Area). You DO NOT need any construction experience to volunteer!

Go to www.rochesterfbc.org/connections for details, wish lists, and more.

Hello from Henry Griffin, your new FBCR music director! I am so excited to get the full music program started in September and to include opportunities for volunteer musicians to participate!! I invite everyone to try out their singing voice in the **FBCR Adult Choir** this fall. Rehearsals will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM**, and volunteer singers will perform in worship a couple of times each month. One and all are truly welcome whether you are a beginner, a veteran choral singer, or anything in between! Plus, our fabulous section leaders will be there to help every step of the way. Rehearsals start **September 10**. If you think you might be interested, send me a quick note at henry@rochesterfbc.org — or just show up! Come and sing with us!!

Our Music Program: We welcome Konstantina Gotouhidis as our new soprano section leader to our music program for the coming year. We are glad you are here!

We are accepting OGHS donations for Maui. OGHS offers immediate need to disaster areas and they are mobilizing to respond to the devastating wildfires. You may contribute to this 100% pass-through offering by placing OGHS-Maui in the memo line of your check.

Jubilee Sunday, September 17 will kick off the new program year. Come enjoy our worship, music, and community together.

SION AND MINISTRY

A new website will be launched in 8 days. Watch for more details as the launch is unveiled and we explore some highlights together on September 17.

On Friday evening, September 29, the church family and friends are invited to a Pasta Dinner and Talent Show put on by YOU! The supplied meal will consist of Pasta and Sauces bar (regular and GF pastas; butter or marinara sauces with optional meatballs); salad, with plain and garlic breads. Desserts will be “bring to share”. So dust off you magic tricks, vocal cords, instruments, or any other talent you would like to share and let’s all see, “Who’s Got Talent?” No talent to share? No worries, just come and enjoy in the fun evening. Sign Up at the Vitality Table.

Save the Date. Join us on **Friday Evening, October 20th at 7:00 PM** for *Installation in a New Key: A Musical Welcome* as First Rochester introduces Joanne and Henry to the Greater Rochester Community. Invite your friends!

The Church has a used small organ (Rm. 14) for anyone who would like one. Please let us know if you are interested in either.

Members and friends of First Baptist Church of Rochester are invited for the Interment of Ashes for Rose Welch. The brief service, led by Dr. Ken Williams, will be held on Saturday morning, **September 16, 2023, at 10 AM** at the Mausoleum of Oakwood Cemetery, 1975 Baird Road, Penfield, NY. Chuck has lovingly arranged for Rose to have a niche that looks toward Penfield High School, where many students, under Rose's wisdom and insight, learned the expressive and creative gift of Art.

Sunday help is needed? We have specific need for a few weeks covering fellowship and assisting as an usher for traveling and injured members. We also are seeking readers for the end of September through October. Please sign up at the Vitality Table in the hall and thank you for helping out!

PREACHING CLASS: *"Everyone has at least one good sermon within their hearts and maybe more"*, says Pastor Joanne. To help you prepare to share your sermon with our congregation, Pastor Joanne is inviting anyone interested in a three or four session **Preaching class** to sign-up at the Vitality Table. It can be really inspiring to hear from our friends their thoughts and vision for this path of faith we walk together. You can sign up for the class, even if you are not sure if you will preach, and we will work out the dates for the class based on those who are interested and their availability.

