



WORSHIP OF GOD | 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 15, 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

WHAT IS AN INSTALLATION OF A NEW PASTOR AND WHY?

The Installation of a Pastor has traditionally been a worship service to mark the beginning of the union or covenant of a new pastor with their congregation. Although it is hard to pinpoint an exact date of origin for this practice, the recognition and affirmation of spiritual leadership (priests, pastors, and deacons), has its foundation in the Old and New Testaments. In A Manual of Worship by John E. Skoglund and Nancy E. Hall by Judson Press, 1993, (both American Baptists),

The Service of Installation is set within “The Service of the Lord’s Day” at the time of offertory. It is suggested that a region representative, or another pastor, be invited to “preside”. It is described as an “act of dedication” for both the pastor and the congregation as they make promises to each other. Then there is a prayer of blessing and the laying on of hands by the members of the congregation, much like an ordination prayer. The pastor is welcomed publicly.

Recently, The Service of Installation has taken on a broader meaning in the community in which the church resides, with local civic leaders, other pastors, and faith leaders being invited to participate with words of welcome and/or a charge. Often there is a sermon with a guest minister.

We, the First Baptist Church of Rochester, called Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon to serve as our pastor one year ago. With post-pandemic, as well as, staff changes, Church Council and Pastor Joanne postponed a formal Service of Installation. After these months we decided together to opt for a different kind of Installation. Honoring the heart and purpose of it, we “officially install” Joanne as our Pastor today. We will celebrate this union with ***a musical service of hope and joy***, this coming Friday night at 7:00 PM, which we are calling ***An Installation in a New Key.***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Toccata and Fugue in F* Diderik Buxtehude
Samuel Baker, organist

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music *Light* Henry Griffin
Henry Griffin, piano

Welcome Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship Marcia McCarthy

One: God calls us here.

All: We've come seeking God's will and God's way.

One: We've come with our trust and with our doubt.

All: We've come to be filled once again with faith, hope, and love.

One: We've come to pray and to praise,

All: We've come to offer each other grace and love. Let us worship God.

Hymn 507 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Martin Luther

Hebrew Scripture *Joshua 2:1-14* Marcia McCarthy

Morning Prayer Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord* G.F. Handel
arr. Walter Ehret
FBCR Choir, Doleen Hood, piano; and Henry Griffin, director.

Children's Time Evann Hasenauer

**congregation sings*

***Hymn 580**

We are Called to Be God's People

Thomas A Jackson
Franz J. Haydn

Hebrew Scriptures

Joshua 2:15-24, 6:22-25

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Out from the Margins

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

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**

We are called to be God's people
Samuel Baker, organist

Austrian Hymn

Doxology 668

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

Service of Installation of our pastor, Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Moderator: A brief statement of installation...

Moderator To Pastor: And what promise do you make to this congregation this day?

Pastor: I promise to serve you with tenderness and respect. I promise to pray for you, to lead and encourage you, to develop and nurture God's gifts in you and among you.

**congregation sings*

Moderator to Congregation: And Congregation of First Baptist Church...

All: We, the members and friends of this Rochester First Baptist, receive Joanne as our Pastor and promise to serve her and each other with tenderness and respect. We promise to encourage and pray for her and for each other as we seek to grow in our faith.

Prayer and Laying on of Hand

Vice Moderator

Those who are willing and able are invited to come forward and gently lay hands on the back of the person in front of them.

***Closing Hymn 710**

The Trees of the Field

Steffi Geiser Rubin
Stuart Dauermann

Benediction

Postlude

A mighty fortress is our God
Samuel Baker, organist

Helmut Walcha

Thank you to those participating in today's service including: Marcia McCarthy reader; Bob McDonald usher; Oliver Hood, Susen and Scott McClellan, Janet Richardson, and Glenn Stahl, tech team; and our musicians: FBCR Volunteer Choir with section leaders Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organist; Doleen Hood, piano; and Henry Griffin, piano, music director.

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY



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.

Wednesday Book Study continues as we discuss *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett, commentator from NPR. Drawing on her own life story and her intimate conversations with others, she explores complex subjects like science, love, virtue, and violence within the context of spirituality and everyday life. This week we will look at Chapter 4.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors): On Thursday, October 19, we will be heading with those with reservations to visit Letchworth State Park and lunch at the Glenn Iris Inn. Meet in the parking lot at 10 AM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Join us on Friday Evening, October 20th, at 7:00 PM for *Installation in a New Key: A Musical Welcome* as First Baptist Rochester introduces Pastor Joanne and Henry to the Greater Rochester Community. This event will feature voice, prose, dance and instruments from an array of vibrant and talented local musicians. Our goal is to keep the event to about one hour. We can guarantee it will not be like any other installation you have attended. We hope for energy, joy, laughter, and a variety of music to delight us all. Please plan to attend and invite your friends!

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

From the Music Director: The week is here! This Friday, October 20 we will be presenting *An Installation in a New Key, a musical welcome* for Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon and me. Please join us in the Sanctuary a few minutes before 7:00PM to kick off the celebration with our choral prelude, Mathias' *Let the People Praise Thee O God*. It is sure to be an evening of celebration, joy, and song!

Looking forward to two weeks from now, we will have a **Super Choral Sunday on October 29** with both the choir and children's choir singing anthems in our service that day! It is sure to be a special service, as well. Lots of exciting events are coming up in the music program! - Henry

The November sign up sheet is now on the Vitality Table. So that a variety of people may lend their voice in worship, please limit your scripture reading to every other month. We thank you. We are still seeking usher help. If you are willing, please let us know in the church office or on the Vitality Table.

Children's Books needed. The Sunday School room has recently been cleaned, moved, re-organized, and updated. Many of the books in the room were quite old and outdated in look and language. We would love to have books for our reading nook: contemporary or classics, new, or lightly used! Thank you for considering this donation for our children.

Wednesday Study—Poetry with Rev. Dr. Lauren Ng. Rescheduled from last spring. Join us on October 25, November 1, and November 8 as Lauren leads a small group of people in a study on Poetry. Each week will feature the theme of "Looking" with *Looking At*, *Looking In*, and *Looking Out*. The class size is limited to 16 people, so if you are interested in participating in one or more of these studies, please reserve your spot as soon as possible at janet@rochesterfbc.org.

Save the Date for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th. Our children will dress in their favorite costumes and we will gather in the parking lot following worship to provide to the community a safe and fun *treat* experience from the *trunks* of our vehicles.

Knitters, crocheters, and anyone who works with yarn. Many skeins were found in the supply closets as they were combined and organized. These were possibly donated over the years, left behind by facility users, or used for previous classroom or VBS projects. If you would like to help yourself to some of this yarn, please do so. We would like to see it used instead of sitting idle in our supplies. You will find it under the Vitality Table.

For the latest news and events, please go to our website on the *Connections* page at www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

For Cameron Community Ministries

Canned and Dry Goods for a Thanksgiving Meal

Canned Yams	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned String Beans	Cornbread Mix
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Pie Crust Mix
Bag of Fried Onions	Canned Pie Fillings
Cranberry Sauce	Canned/Jarred Apples
Canned Gravy or Mix	Canned Pumpkin
Canned/Jarred Beets	Pumpkin Spice
Canned Corn	Evaporated Milk
Canned Peas	Canned Ham
Canned Creamed Corn	Dry Pastas (Macaroni)
Stuffing Mix	

**** No Fresh Items Please ****

Instead, please purchase \$25 gift cards for Fresh Meats, Produce, Dairy, or Bread from Wegmans, Tops, or Aldi's.