



**Every
generous
act of giving,
with every
perfect gift,
is from above.**

James 1:17, NRSV

WORSHIP OF GOD | 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 29, 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**



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.

Morning Prayer		Evann Hasenauer
Sharing our Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>Hallelu, Hallelu</i>	Traditional
	First Rochester Children's Choir; Doleen Hood, piano; Henry Griffin, director; Savannah White Heximer, assistant	
Children's Time		Evann Hasenauer
*Hymn 491	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	Bob Cull
A Moment of Giving		
Scripture	<i>Selected verses from the New Testament</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert Cannon
Prayer for Illumination		
Sermon	<i>The Mystery of Giving</i>	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	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now</i> Samuel Baker, organ	Georg Bohm
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**congregation sings*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Worshippers with information on the life of the church are invited to offer
announcements. From Zoom simply unmute and speak up.
From campus, come to one of the congregation microphones.*

***Closing Hymn 668**

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss

Benediction

Postlude

Go Forth into the World in Peace

John Rutter

First Rochester Choir; Samuel Baker, organ; Henry Griffin, director

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service

including: Rev. Peg Williams, reader; Bob McDonald, usher; Oliver Hood, Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: First Rochester's Children's Choir: First Rochester Choir; Section Leaders: Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Doleen Hood, piano; Samuel Baker, organ; Savannah White Heximer, children's assistant, and Henry Griffin, director.

**congregation sings*

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Immediately following worship, there will be a brief time of fellowship then we ask that every move to the parking lot to see the parade of children, sharing their excitement, dressed in costume, and participating in Trunk or Treat! If by chance weather does not permit a true Trunk or Treat then we will gather in Hubbell Hall instead.

We are currently collecting food for Thanksgiving, Please see the back cover for details about all that you may contribute including gift cards for fresh foods at local grocers.

Wednesday Study—6 PM—Poetry with Rev. Dr. Lauren Ng. Rescheduled from last spring. Join us this Wednesday, November 1, and November 8 as Lauren leads a group in a study on Poetry. Each week will feature the theme of “Looking” with *Looking At* was last week, the next two are *Looking In*, and *Looking Out*. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these studies, you are welcome to join us.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors): On Thursday, November 2, Review our trip through photos to Letchworth and play some games. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at her email kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

From the Music Director: Please join us for upcoming special Jazz 'n Jeans worship service on **November 12!** Also, handbells in worship are coming up! If you are interested, our handbell rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:15-7:45 PM in the sanctuary - all are invited to participate! - Henry

Wednesday Book Study: on *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett, commentator from NPR, is on hold until **November 15** when we will discuss **Chapter 5** and then following Thanksgiving week break, on **November 29** when we will discuss **Chapter 6**.

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Do you love to read? Are you interested in learning more about faith, various religions, get an opinion from a new author, or read a recent fiction title? Numerous books were dropped at the church during and post-pandemic. More were donated than our library is able to hold. A few gracious and learned volunteers went through the stacks and stacks and determined those which would fit best into the library's registry. Others—perfectly good and interesting books—are awaiting a new owner. Browse through them and take any you wish. We do ask that if you feel inclined to donate them when you finish reading them you consider donating any you take to your local library or possibly sharing them with a friend. We wish you happy reading!

The December 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.

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.

Green Tip of the Week: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 1-4 PM, the South Wedge Mission (125 Caroline St.) holds a repair cafe. They repair electronics, bicycles, clothing, toys, appliances, furniture, and more for free. For more info contact gmcarney5070@gmail.com. There are thousands of repair cafes worldwide.

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 Aldis.