

A sunset over the ocean with a large white text overlay. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The text is centered and reads: "AND THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH BELIEVED GOD. JONAH 3:5".

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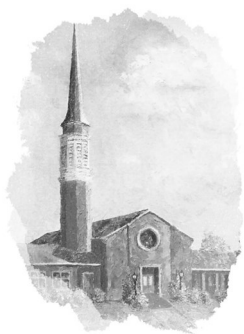
WORSHIP OF GOD | THANKSGIVING SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19, 2023

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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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.*

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**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](http://rochesterfbc.org/guest).

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

### Prelude

*Thanksgiving Suite*  
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

### Chiming of the Hour

#### For Reflection

*The path of obedience leads us through the way of repentance. (Pastor Joanne)*

### Music for Meditation

Henry Griffin, piano

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Evann Hasenauer

One: We come as Your people, seeking You, seeking strength.

**All: Surround us with faith.**

One: We have come with our gladness and with our sadness, seeking a new way.

**All: Surround us with Your hope.**

One: We have come full of guilt and full of shame, seeking forgiveness.

**All: Surround us with Your love. Fill us that we might be overflowing with faith, with hope, and with love. Amen. Let us worship God.**

### \*Hymn 113

*Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*

John F. Wade;  
Wade's *Cantus Diversi*

### Hebrew Scripture

*Psalm 90:1, 2, 13-17*

Evann Hasenauer

### A Thanksgiving Litany

by Howard Thurman

Evann: In Your presence, O God, we make our Sacrament of Thanksgiving. We begin with the simple things of our days: fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, the taste of food, the protection of houses and clothes, the comforts of home.

**ALL:** For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

Joanne: We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known: our mothers' arms, the strength of our fathers, the playmates of our childhood, the wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and diverse kinds of magic held sway. The tears we have shed, the tears we have seen; the excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.

**ALL:** For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

Evann: We finger one by one the messages of hope that await us at the crossroads: the smile of approval from those who held in their hands the reins of our security; the tightening of the grip of a single handshake when we feared the step before us in the darkness; the whisper in our heart when the temptation was fiercest and the claims of appetite were not to be denied; the crucial word said, the simple sentence from an open page when our decision hung in the balance.

**ALL:** For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

Joanne: We passed before us the mainsprings of our heritage: the fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before us, without whom our own lives would have no meaning; the seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams; the prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see; the workers whose sweat has watered the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations; the pilgrims who set their sails for lands beyond all horizons, whose courage made paths into new worlds and far-off places; the Savior whose blood was shed with the recklessness that only a dream could inspire and God could command.

**All:** For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

Evann: We linger over the meaning of our own life and commitment to which we give the loyalty of our heart and mind: the little purposes in which we have shared with our loves, our desires, our gifts.

*\*congregation sings*



**\*Doxology 688**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

W. How; Mason &  
Webb's *Cantica Laudis*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**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 congregational microphones.*

**\*Closing Hymn 72**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas O. Chisholm;  
William M. Runyan

**Benediction**

Evann Hasenauer

**Postlude**

*March Triomphale*  
*(Now Thank We All Our God)*  
Samuel Baker, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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

including: Evann Hasenauer, reader, student pastor; Bob McDonald, Richard Wien, ushers; Oliver Hood, Scott and Susen McClellan, and Glenn Stahl, tech team; and our Section Leaders: Mary Reins, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Jack O'Leary, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, director.

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

**Well Done First Rochester!** Thank you for your generous support of the Thanksgiving Food drive for Cameron Community Ministries. We delivered \$500 worth of \$25 gift cards and over 22 bags of groceries.

***Indigenous Peoples' Land Acknowledgements***, a video by Helen Frank, is available on the *Connections* page of our website for anyone who was not able to attend last week's forum or would like to review it again. For a direct link go to: [www.rochesterfbc.org/land-acknowledgements/](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/land-acknowledgements/).

**NO OWLS ON Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Break Week.** On Thursday, November 30th, Owls will gather when our topic will be *Seneca Park Zoo: Animal Highlights*. 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](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com) or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

**FBCR Book Club: November 28** (the 4th Tuesday the week after Thanksgiving) at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. The book for our discussion in November is *Southernmost* by Silas House. Bring your own lunch if desired.

**Wednesday Book Study:** on *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett, commentator from NPR. Next week we will break for Thanksgiving week. The study concludes on **November 29** when we will discuss **Chapter 6**.

**Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 PM** in the FBCR Sanctuary: join Henry, two of his conducting colleagues, and wonderful singers from the Eastman - Rochester community for an interfaith concert of choral music from Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, and Jewish traditions featuring music from Germany, Russia, Turkey, Yemen, and Morocco, as well as a world premiere of Henry's *Missa Brevis*!

See back page for our **Advent/Christmas Calendar of Events**. Please make a special note: There will be no morning worship on December 24, instead we will combine the services with one **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4 PM**.

**Green Tip of the Week:** Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the local harvest. A dinner of all local ingredients is easy this time of year. Grass-fed turkeys can be ordered from meat sellers at local farmers' markets. Pumpkins or butternut squash can be boiled down to make delicious pumpkin pie. Also available locally are fresh apples, pears, grapes, potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, and many green vegetables.

**For the latest news and events**, please go to the *Connections* page on our website at [www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/)

# FIRST ROCHESTER ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 3	10 AM	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Bell Ringers in worship
	11 AM	Hanging of the Greens with a Pizza Lunch in Hubbell Hall
December 6	6 PM	Advent Study
December 10	10 AM	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Pageant during worship
December 13	6 PM	Advent Study
December 17	10 AM	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Cantata during worship
December 20	6 PM	Advent Study (TBD)
December 24		<b>**NO MORNING WORSHIP**</b>
December 24	4 PM	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Christmas Eve Service
December 31	10 AM	<i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> Jammies and Jingles Sunday