



THE BOOK OF
JONAH

WORSHIP OF GOD | REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 26, 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.

Special Music*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*William M. Runyan;
arr. Jack Schrader

Andrew Miller, tenor; Henry Griffin, piano

Children's Time

Evann Hasenauer

Hymn 721Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*Henry Alford;
George J. Elvey**Scripture***Jonah 4*Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon**Prayer for Illumination****Sermon***Looking in the Jonah Mirror*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/give.

**Music in
Response***Ave Verum Corpus*
Henry Griffin, organ

Edward Elgar

Doxology 34Praise God*T. Ken; L. Bourgeois
Genevan Psalter

**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

Evann Hasenauer

**congregation sings*

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Worshipers 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 723** *For the Fruit of All Creation* Fred Pratt Green
Welsh Melody

Benediction Evann Hasenauer

Postlude *Italian Concerto, BMV 971, Mvmt I* J. S. Bach
Henry Griffin, organ



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

including: Senior Pastor, Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Evan Hasenauer, student pastor; Stuart Campbell, reader; Bob McDonald, Richard Wien, ushers; Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; and Henry Griffin, organ, piano, and director.

**congregation sings*

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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**.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): 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 Kande Tabor at her email kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

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!

Next Sunday, December 3, following worship we will have **Hanging of the Greens**. In addition to decorating the church, there will be pizza available in Hubbell Hall for lunch.

On November 26, we are beginning our Advent Reflection series written by Jan Sutuch Pickard, who is a poet, preacher, and storyteller living in Mull, Scotland. She is the former Warden of Iona Abbey, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, and Ecumenical Accompanier. These readings will be delivered to your email and are used with permission for our church's Advent reflection.

See back page for our **Advent/Christmas Calendar of Events**.

Green Tip of the Week: Instead of buying a new disposable air filter (furnace, air conditioner) several times a year, consider buying a permanent one that can be washed and reused indefinitely. Most of these filters have lifetime warranties, so you'll save money in the long run as well as reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill.

For the latest news and events, please go to our website on the *Connections* page at 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		**NO MORNING WORSHIP**
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

