

A large stained glass window graphic with a central yellow star. The window is divided into sections of blue, green, and orange. The word "Hope" is written in a yellow cursive font across the top. In the bottom left corner, there is a purple candle with a white flame.

Hope

First Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP OF GOD | DECEMBER 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**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come!
Samuel Baker, organ

J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Reflection

Where, to whom, do you go, for hope?

Music for Meditation

Henry Griffin, piano

Welcome

Advent Candlelighting Call to Worship

Mark Harnischfeger

One: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

One: This is the Sunday of Hope. Hope is found in the presence of God who is here among us, who lives in us, surrounds us, and holds us in the palm of His hand.

All: We embrace God's presence here, at this moment, in this place.

One: Hope is found when God brings people together that need each other, when words are spoken that are deeper than life.

All: We embrace God's wise men and women among us.

One: Hope is found when bad suspicions remain unfulfilled, when life is born where death reigned, when love overcomes fear.

All: We embrace the one who brings life.

One: Hope is found when people find God and find themselves in God.

All: Lord, speak to us this morning! Amen.

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Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark Harnischfeger

***Hymn**

We Are Marching in the Light of God
See pages 6 & 7

South African
G. Grindal

Morning Prayer

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Special Music

A Litany for Advent

arr. Shirley W. McRae

First Rochester Choir; Doleen Hood, piano; Henry Griffin, director.

Children's Time

Evann Hasenauer

***Hymn 469**

Lord of All Hopefulness

Irish Melody,
Jan Struther

Scripture

I Corinthians 1:3-10

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

What Hope Looks Like

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**

*Comfort, Comfort These My People from
Advent Suite for Handbells*

Sondra K. Tucker

FBCR Handbell Choir; Henry Griffin, director; Doleen Hood, coordinator

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

Dear Creator God, as we gather for communion, bring to our hearts a renewed sense of Your hopefulness. May we be strengthened by this bread and juice at your table to go forth from this place as bearers of your hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.

The Great Feast

Benediction

Parting Music

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, v. 1

arr. L. Mason

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



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

including: Senior Pastor, Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Evan Hasenauer, student pastor; Mark Harnischfeger, reader; Bob McDonald, Richard Wien, ushers; tech team: Oliver Hood; Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Scott and Susen McClellan; and Janet Richardson, and our musicians: First Rochester Choir; First Rochester Bell Choir both with Section Leaders: Sophie Hilger, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Doleen Hood, piano; Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, piano and director.

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.

**congregation sings*

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Advent Study, Wednesday December 6: We will begin our Advent Study at 6PM in the chapel and on Zoom. Join us as we look into this time of waiting for and anticipating the birth of Christ. As always, fellowship begins at 5:30 PM.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, December 7, OWLS 0will gather when our topic will be *What's for Dinner (sharing various meal delivery options)*. 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.

Music Director Henry Griffin invites you to a special performance. This Saturday, December 8 at 7:30pm, he will be making his Kodak Hall debut as the baritone soloist in Dame Ethel Smyth's groundbreaking Mass in D, performed with the Eastman Symphony Orchestra and the Eastman Rochester Chorus!

Giving Tree: We are collecting hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for our Cameron Giving Tree. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 17.

A Critical Need for School No. 17: Children are coming to school without gloves, hats, and even coats. The school has reached out to the community and many of the resources which used to help are no longer available. Can you help fill the some of the need? The school will accept new and lightly used (but recently cleaned) winter items. Please take some time to go through your closets and consider donating what you can or when at the store, make an extra purchase for a child in need. Sizes range from Preschool through Eighth grade. Thank you for sharing some warmth.

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



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.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

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Verse 2: dancing; Verse 3; praying; Verse 4: singing.

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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



Advent Memorial

Your Name: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Amount of Given:

(additional donations for Christmas Decorations, like candles, are thankfully accepted.)

- \$15.00 for 1 plant
- \$30.00 for 2 plants
- \$ _____

Poinsettias may be taken home after worship on Christmas Eve through December 31, 2023.



*Poinsettias
and Greens*

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