

A stylized stained glass window design. The background is a circular pattern of concentric circles and radial lines, creating a grid of colored sections in shades of blue, green, and orange. In the center is a bright yellow four-pointed star. At the top, the word "Peace" is written in a yellow, cursive font. At the bottom, two white candles with yellow flames are shown, each resting on a purple base. The entire design is set against a dark blue background.

Peace

Second Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP OF GOD | DECEMBER 10, 2023 | PAGEANT SUNDAY

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 | Samuel Baker, organist

Morning Prayer

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Ethan and Sophia Spooner

***Hymn 201**

He is Born

French Carol;
arr. Donald P. Hustad

Giving our Gifts to God

Hudson Aitkenhead, George Haefele,
Sandra Mann, Leah Oaks, Seth Oaks,
Zander Selleck, Andrew Wilson, Aria Wilson

Music in Response

In peace and joy

Marcel Dupré

***Doxology 34** *Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow* Genevan Psalter

Prayer of Dedication

Seth Oaks

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Pastor Joanne

*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.*

The Greatest Show!

**A Christmas Pageant brought to
you by your FBCR Children's group**

Cast: Hudson Aitkenhead, George Haefele, Oliver Hood, Sandra Mann,
Leah Oaks, Seth Oaks, Ethan Spooner, Sophia Spooner, Wesley Selleck,
Zander Selleck, Gavin Smith, Andrew Wilson; Aria Wilson; Mia Wilson.

***Closing Hymn 180**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

P. Brooks, L. Redner

Benediction

Oliver Hood

**congregation sings*

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Senior Pastor, Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Evann Hasenauer, student pastor, Oliver Hood, Seth Oaks, Wesley Selleck, Gavin Smith, Sophia Spooner, Ethan Spooner, Mia Wilson, welcome, readers and prayer; Bob McDonald, Richard Wien, Sandra Mann, Leah Oaks, Seth Oaks, Zander Selleck, Andrew Wilson, Aria Wilson, ushers; tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan; and Janet Richardson, and our musicians: Our FBCR Children's Choir with Kate Selleck as stage director/writer and parent helpers; Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Samuel Baker, organ; and Henry Griffin, piano and music 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 contact 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/guestbook/ to provide your information.

Advent Study, Wednesday December 13: Our Advent Study at 6PM in the chapel and on Zoom will be about LIGHT. 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.

On Sunday, December 17 at 10 AM, please join us for a special **Cantata celebration** during Sunday service. Music director Henry Griffin will be leading the First Rochester Choir along with vocal and instrumental colleagues from the Eastman School of Music in one of *Bach's Christmas Cantatas, BWV 133 "Ich freue mich in dir."* The Cantata is a bubbly musical celebration of praise during the Christmas season and features two incredible arias, a touching chorale, and even two rarely-heard baroque instruments: oboes d'amore! In addition to the Bach Cantata, special service music will include Henry's own arrangements of Carol of the Bells and O Holy Night for treble voices. Come and worship with us through this musical celebration!

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, December 14, the OWLS will gather when our topic will be **OWLS FAMILY FEUD**. 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.

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

A Critical Need for School No. 17: Children are coming to school without gloves, hats, or coats. The school will accept new and lightly used (but recently cleaned) winter items. Sizes range from Preschool through Eighth grade and can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for sharing some warmth.

Our Wednesday Study will not meet on December 20 and will be on a short hiatus in the new year with details to come. Our **Wednesday Check-in on Zoom** will continue throughout this time gathering at 5:30 PM.

See the insert for our **Advent/Christmas Calendar of Events**.



Advent Memorial Flowers

Deadline for your order is noon on Monday, December 13.

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

FIRST ROCHESTER ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 10	10 AM	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Pageant during worship
December 13	6 PM	Advent Study—LIGHT
December 17	10 AM	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Cantata during worship
December 20	5:30 PM 6 PM	Zoom Check-in No Advent Study only
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



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