

A stylized stained glass window design. At the top, the word "Joy" is written in a flowing, yellow cursive font. Below it is a large, yellow, four-pointed star with a central orange circle. The star is set against a background of concentric circles in shades of blue, green, and yellow. At the bottom, three lit candles are shown: two purple ones on the left and right, and a taller pink one in the center. The candles have white flames. The entire design is framed by a dark blue border.

Joy

Third Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP OF GOD | DECEMBER 17, 2023 | CANTATA 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

Children's Time

Evann Hasenauer

***Hymn 159**

The King of Glory Comes

Willard F. Jabusch

Scripture

John 1:6-8, 19-28 Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God

Music in Response

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
arr. Henry Griffin

Naomi Chad, soprano; Guo Wu, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo; Henry Griffin, piano

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate our gifts and ourselves to your service O God.
Bless them for your sake. Amen.**

Cantata BWV 133, "Ich freue mich in dir"

(I Rejoice in You)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Cantata Musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Guo Wu, soprano; Emily Skilling, mezzo soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo soprano; Caleb Meyerhoff, tenor; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ömer Aziz Kayhan, baritone; Jonathan Mott, baritone; Sedona Kmen, violin; Peng Zhen, violin; Keon Sagara, viola; Amarilli Severa, cello; Myles Meader, oboe d'amore; Lauren Smith, oboe d'amore, Samuel Baker, organ; First Rochester Choir; Henry Griffin, conductor.

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Translations:

1. Chorus: *Ich freue mich in dir*
Cantata musicians

Ich freue mich in dir
Und heiße dich willkommen,
Mein liebes Jesulein!
Du hast dir vorgenommen,
Mein Brüderlein zu sein.
Ach, wie ein süßer Ton!
Wie freundlich sieht er aus
Der große Gottessohn!

I rejoice in You
And bid You welcome,
My dear little Jesus!
You have resolved,
To be my little brother.
Ah, what a sweet sound!
How friendly he looks,
The great Son of God!

2. Aria: *Getrost!*
Emma Unkrich, mezzo soprano

Getrost!	Be confident!
es faßt ein heilger Leib	a sacred body contains
Des Höchsten	the incomprehensible
unbegreiflichs Wesen.	being of the Almighty.
Ich habe Gott -	I have God
wie wohl ist mir geschehen!	How well things have gone
Von Angesicht zu Angesicht gesehen	I've seen God face to face.
Ach! meine Seele muß genesen!	Ah! my soul must be strong!

3. Recitative: *Ein Adam mag sich voller Schrecken*
Andrew Miller, tenor

Ein Adam mag sich voller Schrecken	Adam, filled with terror
Vor Gottes Angesicht	and from God's face
Im Paradies verstecken! to	hide himself in paradise!
Der allerhöchste Gott	The most high God
kehrt selber bei uns ein:	comes to dwell among us:
Und so entsetzet sich mein Herze nicht;	and so I do not fear;
Es kennet sein erbarmendes Gemüte.	it knows His compassion.
Aus unermessner Güte	From His kindness
Wird er ein kleines Kind	He becomes a small child
Und heißt mein Jesulein.	and is called my little Jesus.

4. Aria: *Wie lieblich klingt es in den Ohren*
Guo Wu, soprano

Wie lieblich klingt es in den Ohren,	How dear sounds in my ears
Dies Wort: mein Jesus ist geboren,	the Word: Jesus is born,
Wie dringt es in das Herz hinein!	how it pierces to my heart!
Wer Jesu Namen	Who Jesus' name
nicht versteht	is not known
Und wem es nicht durchs Herze geht,	whose heart is not touched
Der muß ein harter Felsen sein.	must be a hard rock.

5. Recitative: *Wohlan, des Todes Furcht und Schmerz*

Ömer Aziz Kayhan, baritone

Wohlan,
des Todes Furcht und Schmerz
Erwägt nicht mein getröstet Herz.
Will er vom Himmel sich
Bis zu der Erde lenken,
So wird er auch an mich
In meiner Gruft gedenken,
Wer Jesum recht erkennt,
Wer stirbt nicht, wenn er stirbt,
Sobald er Jesum nennt.

Well then,
the fear and sorrow of death
given no heed by my heart
If He is willing to journey
from heaven to earth,
then He will also
think of me in my tomb.
who truly knows Jesus
does not die when He dies,
as soon as he names Jesus.

6. Chorale: *Wohlan, so will ich mich*

Cantata musicians, First Rochester Choir, and the congregation!

To end our Cantata, we will sing this chorale twice; the first time, in German, the second time, please join us in the congregation, singing the English translation (see next page).

Wohlan, so will ich mich
An dich, o Jesu, halten,
Und sollte gleich
die Welt
In tausend Stücken
spalten.
O Jesu, dir, nur dir,
Dir leb ich ganz allein;
Auf dich, allein auf dich,
Mein Jesu, schlaf ich ein.

Indeed, thus I will be
To You, O Jesus, clinging
Even though the world
shall break
A thousand pieces
springing.
O Jesus, just for you,
I live, alone, for you,
I live for Jesus Christ,
In sleeping, Christ I knew.

Benediction

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Postlude

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

J. S. Bach

Vers 4. Choral. (Mel.: „Ich freue mich in dir“.)

Soprano.
 In- deed thus I will be to You o Je- sus cling- ing.
 Even though the world shall break a thousand pie- ces spring- ing.)

Alto
 In- deed thus I will be to You o Je- sus cling- ing.
 Even though the world shall break a thousand pie- ces spring- ing,

Tenore
 In- deed thus I will be to You o Je- sus cling- ing.
 Even though the world shall break a thousand pie- ces spring- ing,

Basso
 In- deed thus I will be to You o Je- sus cling- ing.
 Even though the world shall break a thousand pie- ces spring- ing.

O Je- sus just for You; I live, a- lone for You; I
 O Je- sus just for You; I live, a- lone for You; I
 O Je- sus just for You; I live, a- lone for You; I
 O Je- sus just for You; I live, a- lone for You; I

live for Je- sus Christ; in sleep- ing Christ I knew
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INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Carol Stahl, Hebrew Scripture reader; Barszewski/Smith Family, CTW/Candlelighting; Bob McDonald, Richard Wien, ushers; tech team: Oliver Hood, Scott and Susen McClellan; and Janet Richardson, and our musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Guo Wu, soprano; Emily Skilling, mezzo-soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Caleb Meyerhoff, tenor; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ömer Aziz Kayhan, baritone; Jonathan Mott, baritone; Sedona Kmen, violin; Peng Zhen, violin; Keon Sagara, viola; Amarilli Severa, cello; Myles Meader, oboe d'amore; Lauren Smith, oboe d'amore, Samuel Baker, organ; First Rochester Choir; Henry Griffin, conductor.

Henry dedicates today's music programming to his voice teacher, Marlena K Malas, who passed on December 4. Marlena was his single most inspiring teacher ever, always demanding the most beautiful singing possible from her students and never settling for anything less than the best.

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 the pews—placing it in the offering plate, or go to rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/ to provide your information.

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: Today is the last Sunday. We are collecting hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for our Cameron Giving Tree. Donations will be accepted until Monday by noon.

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 be on a short hiatus now through the new year and the month of January—with more details to come. Our **Wednesday Check-in on Zoom** will continue throughout this time for anyone who wishes to gather at 5:30 PM.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 20	5:30 PM	Zoom Check-in
December 24		<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
		NO MORNING WORSHIP
	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
December 31	10:00 AM	Jammies and Jingles

2023 Advent Dedication Poinsettias

<i>Given By</i>	<i>In Memory / Honor /Appreciation of</i>
Samuel Baker	Given in Memory of James Weaver
Peter and Suzette Boulay	Given in Memory of Susan Boulay, Diane and John McMaster
Ken Dodgson	Given in Memory of Sally Lewis Dodgson and Dr. Gene and Jean Bartlett
Ken Dodgson's daughters	With Appreciation to Flora and Jack Holt With Appreciation to Ken and Marcia McCarthy
Jack and Flora Holt	Given in Honor of Loved Ones
Her Loving Son, Ivan Marable	Given in Memory of My Mother, Ludie Will Hatten
Kenneth and Marcia McCarthy	Given in Memory of Francis and Amy McCarthy, Charles, and Edna Oaks, Nancy Oaks & Beverly McCarthy Campbell
The McClellan family	In Honor of Family Members and Friends
Tom and Betty Richards	Given in Memory of Tom and Mary Richards
Janet and Doug Richardson	Given in Honor of granddaughters: Maria, Genny, Ezzy, Abby, and Raya
Barbara and Gene Tiesler	Given in Memory of parents and sisters
JoAnn Trolley	Given in Memory of Dr. Richard Trolley
Ken, Peg, Erin, Gavin, Brendan, Adam, Molly and Mae Williams	Given in Memory of Brenda Williams, our parents and siblings