

WORSHIP OF GOD

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
December 31, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Senior Pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Todd Haefele

Welcome

Evann Hasenauer,
student pastor

***A Carol Call
to Worship 179**

Joy to the World! v. 1 & 2
(please remain seated)

I. Watts, L. Mason

Psalm

Evann Hasenauer,
student pastor

***Carol**

Carol of Choice of Congregation
(please remain seated)

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**Two Scriptures
from Luke**

The Beginners Bible
Timeless Children's Stories

***Carol**

Carol of Choice of Congregation
(please remain seated)

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Prayers

Pastor Joanne

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

Our Children

*congregation sings

**Extended
Children's Time**

Wherever You Are, My Love Will Follow
Nancy Tillman

Evann Hasenauer
Pastor Joanne

***Carol**

Carol of Choice of Congregation
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A Unison prayer:

Evann Hasenauer,
student pastor

It is a new year dear God and we can't see what is on the horizon.

We know that we need to trust you for the days ahead, pray without stopping and live in faith.

Sometimes we find that hard. So today we ask that you would meet us here and now and give us

Your joy and peace as we begin a new year. We thank you for your love and your forgiveness. We thank you that you sent Jesus and that you want good things for humans made in your image. May we remember your love so that we do no harm to any person, animal or your earth. Lead us into tomorrow by the power of your Spirit our great comforter. Amen.

Giving our Gifts to God

Music in Response

Janelle Cannon, soprano
Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, piano

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Evann Hasenauer,
student pastor

We offer these gifts to you dear God, accept them with our love. Thank you for being with us wherever we go and for loving us. Thank you for all of your gifts. Help us as we seek to follow you in this New Year, remind us that you are with us always. Amen.

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Pastor Joanne

***Carol 218**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain***
(please remain seated)

Spiritual
John W. Work

Benediction

Pastor Joanne

Anyone who ordered a poinsettia may take it home following today's service.

*For information on the mission and ministry of the church,
please visit our website at rochesterfbc.org.*

Wednesday Study, short hiatus. We will take a short break from our 6 PM Wednesday Evening study. Watch for study details as they develop.

WOW! What a generous congregation. Thank you for your gifts to our overflowing Giving Tree. We collected for Cameron Community Ministries: 62 hats, 41 gloves and for School 17: new and lightly used: 24 coats, 34 hats, 14 gloves, 12 socks. You donations were awesome! We continue to receive new and slightly used, clean items for School 17.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, January 4, OWLS will gather for *Fun With ABC Word Games*. 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.

Annual Meeting, January 21. The First Baptist Church and Society of Rochester, New York will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on January 21 immediately following worship.

Removing the Greens will be following worship on January 7. We hope you will help us get the Christmas decorations packed and put away.

****Royalties for Spirituals**

Whenever we sing a Spiritual in worship, a special offering to cover the royalties never collected on numerous Spirituals over the years is taken then forwarded to the William Warfield Scholarship Fund at Eastman School of Music. This fund is "dedicated to providing financial support and encouragement for African American students seeking to attain success in the field of classical vocal music." The fund is in the memory of singer, actor, music educator, and Rochester's own William Warfield. Please place RFS in the memo line of your check. Learn more at www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals/.