



*Always be ready to
make your defense*

**...for the hope
that is in you...**

*with gentleness.
and respect.*

WORSHIP OF GOD | FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Jiabao Guo, director | Samuel Baker, organist

Morning Prayer

Sharing our 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

Adoramus te (We Adore Thee)

Giovanni Pierluigi
da Palestrina

Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano, Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ; Jiabao Guo, director

Translation:

We adore Thee, O Savior; And we do bless Thy name,
Jesus, who by Thy holy crucifixion hast redeemed Thy people,
Who for our sins hast suffered: Lord, our God,
Lord, our God, harken to Thy people.

Children's Time

Pastor Joanne

*Hymn 468

My Jesus, I Love Thee

William R. Featherstone
Adoniram J. Gordon

Scripture

I Peter 3:8-17

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

So what shall we do?

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 *Meditation* Betty Jackson King**

Doxology 34 *Praise God* 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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*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.*

*Closing Hymn 486 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!* Adelaide A. Pollard
George C. Stebbins

Benediction

Postlude *Andante alla Marcia* Felix Mendelssohn
Samuel Baker, organ Bartholdy

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Marcia McCarthy, reader; Bob McDonald and Kandee Tabor, ushers; Kandee Tabor, fellowship time; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, Jiabao Guo, director.

MUSIC NOTES FROM SAM:

This morning's offertory is by American pianist, singer, teacher, choral conductor, and composer Betty Jackson King** (1928—1994). King's father was a pastor at the Community Church of Woodlawn (Chicago) and helped expose her to church hymns and spirituals. Along with her mother and sister Catherine, she sang in the Jacksonian trio. In 1969 when King began teaching at Wildwood High School in New Jersey, she integrated the high school's public school teaching staff. Her music is part of the "early Chicago classical music tradition" whose style is known for its extended harmonic language, thick chord clusters, and layers of sound.

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We're delighted you've joined us in worship today. If you are new to First Rochester's worship, would you consider letting us know? We would love to get to know you better. We hope you will trust us with your contact information so we may connect with you. Please either sign the book in the narthex, complete the card found in the small pocket in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or go to rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/ to leave us your name and contact information.



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.

For the latest news and events, please go to our website on the *Connections* page at www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/.

****Royalties for Spirituals**

Whenever we sing or play a Spiritual or work by an African-American composer in worship, a special offering to cover the royalties never collected on numerous works 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/.

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Today after worship. Immediately following worship, gather in the Garden Room adjacent to the Sanctuary for a time of refreshment and fellowship. There will also be a Mission meeting beginning at 11:30AM in the library while our kids are invited to stay for music time in the Choir room.

Lenten Mission Project: High 5 for Cameron (CCM)! Instead of giving something up, we're challenging each of us to pick up something this Lent season — let's give together through *High 5 for Cameron*. For the 5 Sundays of Lent, we ask you to commit to give weekly any increment of 5 - \$5, \$15, \$50, \$250 - to the ongoing work of CCM in their neighborhood. Together, we can make a difference! Considering the recent hold on grant funding for our underserved communities, these extra funds will help carry them through. What can you give each week? Make a commitment and give generously. Write **High 5** in the memo of your check or give online!

Spotlight on Cameron Cuts. CCM's New York-licensed barbershop began in June 2023. With a day class of 10 students and a night class of 10 more, CCM provides students with a barbering kit, prep for the NYS Barbering Exam, and 3 months of experience in their barbershop.

Looking for a way to connect? Bring your own lunch and join The Lunch Club (TLC) every Sunday after second hour in Hubbell Hall! All are welcome!

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On **Thursday, February 22**, OWLS program will be *Show and Tell Part II: Bring an interesting object and share its story*. Chair exercise begins at 11:30AM with lunch and program at 12:15PM. 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.

The church office will be closed on February 19 for Presidents' Day.

All are invited to join us as we read *Where We Meet*, a daily devotional for Lent, immersing us in the stories of Jesus and the early church, exploring the authors' stories, addressing difficult questions, and dreaming about a brighter future for the church. Be challenged not only to think through questions posed within the book, but also to follow in Jesus' footsteps, pursuing justice and love for all. Study discussion will begin on **Wednesday, February 21**—5:30PM. Bring your own meal (if you wish) and fellowship with us; 6PM Study in the Chapel and on Zoom! Sign up in the Garden Room.