



What do you expect?

**WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6, 2024
SECTION LEADER SUNDAY**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Elicia Young, pastoral assistant
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

We welcome you to First Rochester, regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation. **If you're new with us**, please fill out the **connection card** found in your pew and drop it with the offering. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Today is Section Leader Sunday. During worship, this year's section leaders will provide solo music as an introduction to their voices with an opportunity to meet them in fellowship after worship.

October 6, Sunday Forum after Fellowship is a brainstorming session, "How do we want to be known in our community?" Everyone is invited.

Taizé Services, Wednesdays—October through December: On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM, we will hold a Taizé-style service in the chapel. There will be readings, repetitive songs from the Taizé Community in France, silence, prayer, and mediation. This service enhances a deeper connection with God in a contemplative way. Please come and experience this unique worship opportunity.

OWLS Program on Thursday, October 10 will a Bus Trip for a *Wayne County Apple Tasting* with lunch at Pultneyville Deli. Meet at church about **10:45 AM**. Bus departs at 11:00 AM. Bus returns around 2:30 PM.

Join us on at Long Acre Farm on Sunday, October 13, after the second hour. Buy your tickets online or at the gate! Talk with Eliecia, pastoral assistant, if you have any questions.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build-October 19 from 1-3 PM is at Lowe's in Macedon. Anyone 11 and over can participate with an adult. Please let Sarah Oaks know if you have any questions or would like to sign up. If you cannot participate but want to donate bedding, that is an option. More details will be coming soon.

Super Choral Sunday, October 20 will feature the First Rochester Choir with our Section Leaders and our Children's Choir followed by a potluck lunch.

FBCR Book Club, Tuesday, October 22: *The Little Liars*, by Mitch Albom, is a powerful novel of hope and forgiveness. The story moves from a Greek city during World War II to America in the golden age of Hollywood. It explores themes of honesty, survival, revenge, devotion, and how love can redeem. All are welcome. Gathering at 11:30 AM; discussion at noon. Bring your own lunch.

Jazz 'N Jeans Sunday, October 27 with the John Nyerges Band.

We need Readers and Ushers in November. A sign-up sheet is available at the table in the Garden Room.

Handbell Choir is seeking ringers. Beginning on **Wednesday October 30** at 7:15 PM, join us on four Wednesday evenings as we practice music that will be played during worship on November 24. See Henry if you have any questions.

Free COVID test kits are available: You can now place your order for free COVID test kits to be mailed directly to your home through covidtests.gov.

Our Section Leaders

Naomi Chad, soprano, is a second-year undergraduate student at the Eastman School of Music majoring in Vocal Performance. She is also pursuing a Business degree at the University of Rochester and carries a love of learning with her through all her studies. She was born and raised in Tomball, Texas, living there until she graduated High School in 2023. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and finds herself becoming more and more proficient at Mario Kart. She is an avid lover of theatrical arts and had many theatre roles in High School in plays like *Steel Magnolias (M'Lynn)* and *Clue (Wadsworth)*.

Emma Unkrich, alto, is delighted to return to FBCR as a choral section leader. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music with a degree in Voice, Emma's musical journey began in the world of Suzuki Strings and youth theater camps, eventually blossoming into classical studies, domestic and abroad. She is grateful to collaborate with such talented and inspiring colleagues as well as the opportunity to share her musicianship with the congregation!

Joshua Gleason, tenor, is a third-year industrial design student at RIT and also is minoring in theater design and stage craft. You can find him performing with local theaters such as OFC creations, Blackfriars Theatre, Rochester, Community Players, and others. He would love to thank Henry for this opportunity and is so lucky that they bumped into each other while doing First Inversion choir last year.

Ashton Rapp is a baritone from Lawrence, KS and is currently a Junior at the Eastman School of Music studying vocal performance. Some of his biggest accomplishments include singing in the world premiere of Kevin Walzyck's Symphony No. 5 - *Freedom From Fear* as a boy soprano in 2018 at The Kennedy Center, and singing at both Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Musikverein in Vienna with the Honors Performance Series choirs. Ashton loves playing board games, watching movies, and going on unplanned adventures.