



Rejoice
Rejoice always,

pray
pray without ceasing,

give
give thanks in all circumstances.
thanks

WORSHIP OF GOD | NOVEMBER 24, 2024
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant

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Feel free to use any gender-neutral language in hymns or responses.

Prelude

Thanksgiving Suite
Samuel Baker, organ

Charles Callahan

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Christian H. Bateman,
Randall DeBruyn

First Rochester Bell Choir, Henry Griffin, director

Welcome

Call to Worship

Andrew Miller

One: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet.

All: **Praise the Lord with drum and flute.**

One: Praise the Lord everyone and everywhere.

All: **Praise the Lord everyone and everywhere.**

One: Let us worship God with voice and instrument and heart.

All: **We raise our song of praise together, let us worship God.**

*Hymn 95

Praise Him! Praise!

Crosby/Allen

Scriptures

Psalm 111

Andrew Miller

Morning Prayer

Sharing our joys and concerns

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, our God, we give thanks to you for life and love and your presence with us. We offer you our banquet of thanksgiving for all of your gifts: the beauty of nature, the love of friends and family, the work of our daily lives, and our homes. We thank you for our tables, their stories, and their bread. We thank you for the community gathered here and your invitation to us to follow you. For faith, hope, and love, we sincerely thank you. We ask for your continued presence to lead and to guide us in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Special Music *Thanks We Give* Dale Wood
First Rochester Choir; Samuel Baker, organ; Henry Griffin, director

Children's Time Eliecia Young

***Hymn 96** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Wesley/Gläser

Scripture *1 Thessalonians 5:12-28*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *Living in Thanksgiving* Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication

Music for *We Gather Together* arr. Healey Willan
Response Samuel Baker, organ

Doxology 359 *Give Thanks* (no repeats) H. Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.**

Invitation to Mission & Ministry

***Closing Hymn 100** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* Perronet/Ellor

Unison Benediction *The Lord's Prayer*

Postlude *Hornpipe* John S. Dixon
Samuel Baker, organ

Thank you to others who contributed their gifts today: including reader: Andrew Miller; ushers: Dick Wien and Mark Harnischfeger; fellowship: Lynn McClellan; our nursery: Melina Mineti, Tasha Wilson; our teachers: Nan Wilson, Judy Oaks, Kate Selleck; our tech team: Wes Selleck, Maddox Young, Scott and Susen McClellan, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: the First Rochester Bell Choir; the First Rochester Choir with section leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organist; and Henry Griffin, director.

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!

Thank you to our musicians, the First Rochester Bell Choir and the First Rochester Choir, for providing our special music for today's worship.

During Second Hour today our children will meet in the Choir Room to rehearse the Pageant while the rest of us will help decorate the church for the season with the **Hanging of the Greens**. Thank you for staying to help so we can make quick work of the process and get the church ready for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you for the November Food Drive to help Pittsford Food Cupboard. We were able to deliver several boxes of non-perishable goods and \$425 in cash and gift cards toward turkeys for the clients of Pittsford Food Cupboard!

The Giving Tree will be placed after worship today. Please remember to give generously your gifts of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the children of Cameron Community Ministries (preschool through teens) to decorate the tree. We will collect these items for the next several weeks.

Mid-week Meditation Service: There will be no Mid-week Meditation Service this coming Wednesday, November 27.

OWLS Program: No OWLS on Thursday, November 28.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Thursday, November 28 at 11:00 AM** at Temple Sinai, 363 Penfield Road, Rochester, NY 14625. You may find the YouTube link to the service @ rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/.

Pageant Update: The kids are practicing hard for the upcoming pageant on **December 8!** Thanks to all the parents and leaders who are working with them as they prepare. Next week is the final pageant practice before dress rehearsal on December 7 at 6 PM.

Advent and Christmas Events:

December 1: First Sunday of Advent, guest musicians: The American Recorder Society

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent with Pageant
Pizza lunch after; please sign up in the Garden Room

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent with an original Cantata by Henry Griffin
Special Fellowship with cookie decorating

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24: Christmas Eve Service @ 5 PM

December 29: Jammies and Jingles