



Baptism

...born of
water and Spirit

WORSHIP OF GOD | JANUARY 12, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

Special Music *Deep River* William Arms Fisher
Janelle Cannon, soprano; Doleen Hood piano

Children's Time Eliecia Young

***Hymn 679** *Baptized In Water* Gaelic Melody
Saward

Scripture *Matthew 3:1-16*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *Baptism* Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts and Dedication

Music for *Baptized in Water* Richard Proulx
Response Samuel Baker, organ

Doxology 359 *Give Thanks* 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 and Ministry

***Closing Hymn 577** *Sing A New Church* Dufner/Wyeth's
v. 1-4 *Repository of Sacred Music*

Benediction

Postlude *Sing A New Church* Joel Martinson



Thank you to others who contributed their gifts today: including reader: Keith Harrington; ushers: Dick Wien and Mark Harnischfeger; fellowship: Kandee Tabor; our nursery: Melina Mineti, Christine Connelly; our teachers: Nan Wilson, Judy Oaks; our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Janelle Cannon, soprano; Doleen Hood, piano; 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!

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) Thursday program January 16: *Famous Homes and the TV series or movies that made them famous.* Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Book Study Wednesday evenings in January and February: Join us as we read and discuss Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee, Amanda Tyler's book, *How to End Christian Nationalism*. Our first Wednesday night will be January 22 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Zoom. If you would like a book through the church for \$20, please see Pastor Joanne, Eliecia, or Janet.

FBCR Book Club will meet again on January 21 at 11:30 AM and will discuss *I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman* by Nora Ephron.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Church and Society to be held on **January 26, 2025**, following worship. The items which are required by NYS law to declare in advance for a Congregational Meeting are: vote on our 2025 Budget, recently updated Bylaws, and votes on the Board of Trustees nominees: Scott McClellan, second 3-year term and Ken Hines, first 3-year term. Other officers and chairpersons who will sit on the Church Council the church will also receive a vote. Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, January 19.

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