

WORSHIP OF GOD | JANUARY 12, 2025
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

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

Prelude

To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ

Dieterich Buxtehude

Samuel Baker, organ

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Of Gods and Cats

Jake Heggie

Janelle Cannon, soprano; Doleen Hood, piano

Welcome

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship

Psalm 29, adapted for worship, jgc

Keith Harrington

One:

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

ALL: Let us ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters. One:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

ALL: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The voice of the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. One:

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

ALL: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. One:

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

ALL: Today in this sanctuary, we all cry, "Glory to God!"

*Hymn 241

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Green

Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch

Scriptures

Luke 3:1-23 The Message

Keith Harrington

Morning Prayer

Sharing our joys and concerns

Unison Lord's Prayer

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 Samuel Baker, organ Richard Proulx

Doxology 359

Response

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 v. 1-4 Dufner/Wyeth's 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.

INVITIATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

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.