



# Who is on your Guest List

**WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 31, 2025**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

**175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org)**

**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant**

**Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Strengthen for Service, Lord* Leo Sowerby

Chiming of the Hour  
For Meditation

*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the who who humbles themselves will be exalted. Luke 14:11*

Music for Meditation *Toccata in E Minor (Adagio)* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Invocation

Invitation To Worship Seth and Sarah Oaks

One: Come all who love God, let our joys be known;

**ALL: Let us all join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne with heart and voice.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* #501

Scripture *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16* Seth and Sarah Oaks

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns  
with the Lord's Prayer in unison Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

Special Music *Nine Hundred Miles* Philip E. Silvey

Scripture and Prayer *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Meditation *The Guest List for the Party* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

\*Closing Hymn *Find Us Faithful* #497

Invitation to Mission and Ministry in the Garden Room where we will create hygiene kits.

**Today's Offering will be collected as you exit.**

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## INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

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***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:

- Our children will remain today to participate in our Mission Project as part of worship.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. We appreciate you!
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the Sanctuary, to help create hygiene kits for Cameron's Street Ministry followed by Fellowship Time.

### THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, September 4 will feature *September and the number 7* (since September used to be the 7th month). Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).
- Please help us by taking the FBCR Mission and Ministry Survey found in your email, linked through the QR code to the right, or using a paper copy found on a table in the Narthex, Garden Room, or Hallway.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:..

- We will begin our Sunday School Program year on September 14. There will be an extended fellowship time with ice cream and games following worship. If you are willing to assist the Children's Programs in any way, please see Eliecia.
- CRCDS Fall Lecture Series will be held September 15-18, 2025. See the Bulletin Board in the hall or go to [crcds.edu/lectures](http://crcds.edu/lectures) for details.
- Children's music will begin on September 21 with Joshua Johnstone, music director.
- Wednesday Studies will resume in the fall on Wednesday, October 1 with a Bible study on the book of *Timothy* for two weeks, followed with a study on the book of *Titus* for one week, both led by Pastor Joanne. Plans are underway for a study on the book of *Ephesians*, a Service of Gratitude in November, and a three-week Advent program to conclude the 2025 programs.
- Save the dates: A Special Advent Music in worship featuring our Adult Choir on December 7, and our Children's Christmas Program on December 14.

### GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Communion Sunday Giving.** Next Sunday, September 7. The missions team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth.

### SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Our after-worship fellowship time has many openings this fall, please consider signing up to serve one Sunday.
- Be an usher/greeter or reader this fall. The September and October sign-up sheets are now available.

### MEETINGS:

- The Trustees are scheduled to meet on September 15 at 6 PM on Zoom
- The next Council meeting is September 16th on Zoom at 6 PM.
- The Mission Team will meet on September 28 following worship in the library.

