



*Carry the Cross and*  
**FOLLOW  
ME**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 7, 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**

**Bob Oaks, communion assistant**

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

*Lamb of God, Unblemished*

Joh. Pachelbel

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

*So therefore, none of you can become my disciple  
if you do not give up all your possessions. Luke 14:33*

Music for Meditation

*The Bell of the Afternoon*

Enrique Granados

Welcome, Invitation to Mission and Ministry, Invocation (Children excused)

Bob Oaks

Invitation To Worship

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**All: For our delight rests in the law and love of God.**

One: We shall be like trees that yield fruit.

**All: For God watches over the righteous,**

One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn

*To God Be The Glory*

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Scripture

*Philemon 1:1-21*

Bob Oaks

Special Music

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. J. Johnstone

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns

Eliecia Young

\*Hymn

*Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

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Scripture and Prayer

*Luke 14:25-33*

Sermon

*Giving it All to God*

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

*Brother James Air*

arr. C Tambling

Unison Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup—*We observe an open communion; all are welcome at the table.*

\*The Covenant of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, NY

**Believing that God has called us into being as persons and as a church; confessing that the adoration of God leads to the fullest experience of our humanity; accepting Jesus Christ as the human face of God, and the One we know as a brother, teacher, confessor, redeemer, Lord, and Savior; promising faithfulness to the way of Christ and to the unique community of the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we establish this covenant with God and each other:**

- **To uphold the purpose of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, which is to inspire trust in God and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ.**
- **To endeavor to live by the moral and ethical principles taught by Christ and revealed in scripture, and to be cheerful stewards of our wealth, wisdom, work, and world.**
- **To uphold freedom of religious expression, to honor the diverse ways in which God is known among us, and to strive for social justice within all human relationships.**
- **To create a worshiping community characterized by love, the study of scripture, prayer, forgiveness, peace, joy, and welcome.**
- **To accept the risks that accompany the holy process of transformation and the struggles of any community that follows Jesus with passion.**
- **To pursue our common vision to raise the quality of life in Jesus' name for the congregation, the community, and the world through our ministries of compassionate service.**

Benediction

\*Parting Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

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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:**

- Please place your jellies, jams, and Chef Boyardee on the carts at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Our children will be excused following the Welcome for Sunday School.
- We appreciate the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the Sanctuary, for fellowship following worship.

### **THIS WEEK:**

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, September 11, will feature *Armchair Travel #1 to Borneo*. 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 or using a paper copy found on a table in the Garden Room.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Next week Sunday School Program year begins 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, especially as a substitute or occasional teacher, please see Eliecia.
- Volunteer Choir rehearsals will commence on September 14 at 9:15 in the choir room in preparation to sing on September 21.
- 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.
- Book Club will meet on September 23 at 11:30 to discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colton Whitehead.
- Wednesday Studies will resume in the fall on Wednesday, October 1, with a Bible study on the book of *Timothy* for two weeks, followed by 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: Special Advent Music in worship featuring our Adult Choir on December 7, and our Children's Christmas Program on December 14.

### **GIVING:**

- Dinner Benefit for Cameron Community Ministries at Tully's, Jefferson Road, on September 16. Pick up your coupon in the Garden Room for 10% of your meal (before taxes) to be donated. One coupon per receipt must be presented (no gift cards) for CCM to receive the donation.
- Communion Sunday Giving. Each first Sunday of the month, the Missions Team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth.
- Through the ABC International Ministries' World Mission Offering, you can take part in the new thing God is doing through global mission. This Special Offering will be collected later this month.

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

- Our after-worship fellowship time has many openings this fall to provide a light snack (that you provide or the church provides). 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:**

- Trustees—September 15 at 6 PM on Zoom; Council—September 16th on Zoom at 6 PM; and Missions Team—September 28 following worship in the library.