



God
will also
strengthen you...
1 CORINTHIANS 1:8a, NRSV

WORSHIP OF GOD | JANUARY 11, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Christ, Our Lord, To Jordan Came* D. Buxtehude

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *...my only hope in life and in death is that I belong
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.* Heidelberg Catechism

Music For Meditation *Look Down, Lord* John Williams

Welcome and Invocation Kandee Tabor

Invitation To Worship

One: Come all of you who love the Lord.

All: Let your voices be heard.

One: Let's join together in a sweet song.

All: Let's join together in prayer.

One: We have come to worship together, one community of faith.

All: Let's worship God.

*Hymn *We Have Come to Join in Worship* #647

Scripture *Psalms 29* Kandee Tabor

Morning Prayer: Eliecia Young

Sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Sonata No. 1, 2nd movement* L. V. Beethoven

Children's Time Eliecia Young

*Hymn *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* #448
(repeat 4 times)

Scripture and Prayer *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Sermon *Giving Testimony* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Doxology	<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	
<i>We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.</i>		
Music for Response	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old</i>	W. L. Pelz
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
*Closing Hymn	<i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	#398
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Marche-Sortie</i>	Theo. Dubois



A Legacy of Love: Honoring those who have served.

Following God’s call often comes with sacrifice. Many retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses have served faithfully, yet often lack the resources to fully prepare for life’s later seasons: health changes, the loss of a spouse, or isolation.

These are the people who have enriched our lives, Pastors who prayed with us; missionaries who served where we could not. Their dedication helped shape the American Baptist Churches, USA into the vibrant, faithful community it is today.

Your offering is more than a donation, it is a heartfelt expression of love and gratitude. It allows us to provide emergency assistance and a “Thank You” check to those who have devoted fifteen or more years of their lives to God’s service. Please consider your generous gift to this pass-through offering that will be collected today and next Sunday, using the envelopes found in your bulletin.

INVITATION 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!

TODAY:

- The children will be excused after Children's Time for Sunday School.
- Following worship, please join us for fellowship in the Garden room, adjacent to the sanctuary.
- There will be Children's Music during Second Hour today.
- Youth Group will meet today during Second Hour in room 14.
- Today, we welcome Qawan Bollar, Community School Site Coordinator, from School 17 to Sunday Forum during Second Hour. Our Mission Team on behalf of the church, gifted School 17 with winter outerwear for students in need.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- We will be collecting a special pass-through offering today and next week for the ABC-USA Retired Ministers and Missionaries (RMMO). More details can be found on page 3.

THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on January 15 with the program of *January History Trivia*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- First Rochester Choir rehearsal begins on January 18 in the choir room at 9:15 AM. Anyone with an interest in singing occasionally in worship is welcome to join them. See Joshua Johnstone, music director, with any questions.
- Bell Choir begins rehearsals on February 1 to play on February 15. More details to come.
- The Board of Trustees and the Council of First Baptist Church & Society of Rochester, New York, have called the Annual Meeting for January 25, 2026, after worship. There will be votes taken for the Trustees: Gene Tiesler, 2nd term and John Hargather, 1st term. Also, the Council is requesting a 1-year extension for Christopher Oaks to serve as Church Treasurer to in order to locate and train one (or two) individual (s) to serve in that position in 2027. If you have any questions, please speak with Bob Oaks, moderator.

GIVING:

- Next month, on February 1, Communion Sunday, the Missions Team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth.

SIGN-UPS:

- Check out the table in the Garden Room for various sign-ups.
 - ⇒ **Help!** Readers in worship are needed. If you are willing to welcome the congregation to worship, lead the Invitation to Worship, and read the first scripture, we could use your help. Please sign up to volunteer as a reader for Sunday morning worship. Numerous openings are available over the next 2 months.
 - ⇒ Ushers are also needed for the next few months. Please sign up in the Garden Room.
 - ⇒ If you are willing to prepare a light refreshment during Fellowship Time please sign up.
 - ⇒ We often receive emails from other local faith and activist organizations about various community events. We understand that not everyone in the church family is interested in this type of time-sensitive information, but some are. Please sign up for ***In The Know?*** in the Garden Room today or request the information to be sent at office@rochesterfbc.org.