



same mindset as
Jesus Christ

WORSHIP OF GOD | JANUARY 18, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Petit Prélude

Joseph Jongen

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

C.S. Lewis defined humility this way:

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

Music For Meditation

The Innocence

Craig Hella Johnson

Welcome and Invocation

Sarah & Seth Oaks

Invitation To Worship

One: Come, let us bless the Lord together,

All: and sing praise to our God.

One: Come, let us bless the Lord together.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#48

Scripture

Psalm 40

Sarah and Seth Oaks

Thanksgiving for Deliverance and Prayer for Help.

One: I waited patiently for the Lord; he came to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from pit and bog, set my feet upon a rock, securing my steps.

ALL: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

One: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who chase after false gods.

**ALL: You have multiplied, O God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.**

One: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
Burnt offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

**ALL: Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

One: I have told everyone the glad news of deliverance; I have not stopped singing your praise.

**ALL: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness, your steadfast love, and your salvation.**

One: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**ALL: For evils have encompassed me without number;
my many ills have overtaken me until I cannot see.**

One: Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to hurt me or snatch away my life.
ALL: Let those who sin, be ashamed by their ways.
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
One: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

Morning Prayer:

Sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer

Eliecia Young

Special Music

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Johnson/Johnson

Janelle Cannon, soprano; Joshua Johnstone, piano

Children's Time

*Hymn *I Will Sing of the Mercies* #60

Scripture and Prayer *Luke 2: 8-14, Philippians 2:1-11*

Sermon *Humility* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Amazing Grace* arr. David Cherwien

Doxology *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

***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.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* #630

Benediction

Postlude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Robert Hobby

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, 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, where we will celebrate Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant, prior to her leaving on January 22.
- There will be Children's Music during Second Hour today.
- There will be a Missions Meeting in the library following fellowship.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Today is the last Sunday for the special pass-through offering for the ABC-USA RMMO.

THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on January 22 with the program of *Alphabet Scattergories*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 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.
- Bell Choir begins rehearsals on February 1 to play on February 15. See Joshua Johnstone for more details or to express interest in joining this choir.
- Sunday Forum on February 8 will host Andy Carey, innovator and social worker, who works with and fights against homelessness in our area.

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.
- RMMO special offering is being collected today.
- Donations to Charlie Chapin's Eagle Scout Project (box in the narthex) are needed today. Check donations to purchase school supplies may be given and made out to Troop 77.

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 to office@rochesterfbc.org.

MEETINGS:

- Mission Team Meeting: Today; Trustees Meeting: Monday, January 19, on Zoom; No Council Meeting this month; Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 25.