



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 9, 2026 | A BAPTISM SUNDAY
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church | www.rochesterfbc.org
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor
Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

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

Baptism *Brian Noger* In the Chapel

Prelude *Shall We Gather At the River* arr. Jon Spong
(as we process to the sanctuary)

Welcome, Invocation Jean Garling

Invitation To Worship (Our Covenant)

One: This morning we give thanks for Baptism.

All: We all remember the joy of our baptism into the church of Jesus Christ.

One: We are reminded of the promises God makes to us in baptism.

All: We are reminded of the path that led us there and give thanks.

One: Let us praise God for our salvation; let us worship God.

*Hymn *Baptized in Water* #679

Scripture *Matthew 3:1-6* Jean Garling

Morning Prayer: Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Sharing our Joys and Concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Nearer, Still Nearer* Lloyd Larson
First Rochester Women's Chorus

The Hand of Christian Fellowship

We welcome Brian into membership in the name of Jesus Christ, who invited all to come and follow him and to know God. We promise, on this day and in his presence, to give him our love, encouragement, and prayers as he grows with us in faith.

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

*Hymn *Thy Word* #664

Scripture and Prayer *Hebrews 10:19-39*

Sermon *Washed Clean* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response	<i>Thank Thee, O Lord</i> First Rochester Women's Chorus	Lois Myers Emig
*Doxology	<i>Thank you, Lord</i> <i>Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,</i> <i>thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.</i>	#365
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
Closing Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	#668
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	arr. Albert L. Travis



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, fill out the connection card found in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. We look forward to getting to know you better!

If you have a prayer request, you may make it at a microphone during our Morning Prayer time or you may complete the reverse side of the connection card and drop it into the collection plate. It will be shared with those indicated, and if requested, sent out to our email prayer group. If you want to receive the prayers by email, please sign up in the garden room or contact the church office.

The best way to grow our church is for you to invite family, friends, or neighbors to join us in worship. To help you, we have created invite cards, found in the Narthex or Garden Room. Please take several and share. Thank you.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- Join us in the Chapel, if you are able, for the baptism of Brian Noger.
- Our children will be excused following Children's Time for fun and fellowship.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- A special thank you to our own Women's Chorus for singing in worship today.
- Join us in the Garden Room, next to the sanctuary, for Fellowship Time and treat after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will gather on Thursday, August 13, when we will *Share A Tale: An August Inspired Memory*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- August Book Club will be held on Tuesday, August 25, when we will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM with discussion at 12:00 noon.
- The office remains closed on Mondays for the summer until after Labor Day. Appointments may be arranged with specific staff members depending on their availability.

FOR THE SUMMER AND PREPARING FOR THE FALL:

- Our Children's and Adult Choir programs will resume on September 13. All voice types are needed for Adult Choir, which meets at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room before Sunday Service, and all children are invited to attend Children's Choir at 11:15 AM -12:00 PM after Sunday Services. Youth and adult instrumentalists are also invited to play in an ensemble at our Thanksgiving Service on November 22. Interested in any of the above? Talk to Carl on Sunday or email him at carl@rochesterfbc.org.
- Do you have an idea or topic for a Wednesday Study or an Adult Sunday Forum for the next program year? Planning is underway, so please send your ideas by tomorrow to Pastor Katie Jo at katiejo@rochesterfbc.org. From August 11 to September 30, while Pastor Katie Jo is away, please send your ideas to Pastor Joanne at joanne@rochesterfbc.org.
- A special performance of *Come From Away*, 2019 Olivier Award-Winning Musical, will be held on October 14th at 11 AM on the JCC's CenterStage. This special seniors and church family performance has discounted tickets for \$25 (a \$20 discount). Payment must be made by Sept. 1st to Kandee Tabor (OWLS leader). You can reserve your seat today, but reservations will only be confirmed after payment is made. Her email is kandeetabor@gmail.com. *Come From Away* is a remarkable true story of a small Newfoundland towns that opened its arms to nearly 7,000 travelers when they were turned into an international sleepover for passengers from 38 planes who were diverted to them on 9/11.

GIVING:

- We collected 26 items of canned pasta for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 784 items. This food is shared with teens in need and at risk.
- We have only 3-weeks left for our Summer Giving to Cameron's Diaper Ministry. We will collect diapers, pull-ups, and wipes needed for clients at Cameron Community during the summer. If you feel called to give in this way, please place your gift on the white Giving Table located by the glass partition in the narthex or place "Diapers" in the memo line of your check made out to First Baptist Church.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for Readers, Ushers, or Fellowship, and Information from the church. Please sign up.