

This is my

I will be their

Covenant
God

and they shall be my

Covenant
People

Hebrews 8:10

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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Naomi Chad, soprano; Paige Robinson, alto; Jonathan Ellwanger, tenor; Kit Chan, bass**

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

Prelude	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	arr. James Biery
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>Covenant: a solemn, formal, binding agreement</i> (Merriam-Webster.com)	
Music for Meditation	<i>Nocturne in E-Flat Major, Op. 55, No. 2</i> <i>Andrea Wallace, piano</i>	Frederic Chopin
Welcome and Invocation		Marcia McCarthy
Invitation To Worship		
One:	Come let us praise God together.	
All:	Let us share together God's wonderful acts of mercy towards us.	
One:	Let us give God thanks and praise for grace and faithfulness.	
All:	For God offers us a way to live in love and peace. Let us worship God.	
*Hymn	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i>	#31
Scripture	<i>Hebrews 8:8-12</i>	Marcia McCarthy
Morning Prayer, sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>Open Thou Mine Eyes</i>	John Rutter
Children's Time		Pastor Joanne
*Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord!</i>	#486
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Jeremiah 8:1-17</i>	
Sermon	<i>The Truth-telling life of a Prophet</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Christopher Tambling

*Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Music *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* #505

Benediction

Postlude *With Peace and Joy I Now Depart* J. S. Bach

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 in the offering plate. You may also make a prayer request on the reverse side. We look forward to getting to know you better and praying with you.

TODAY:

- Our Adult Choir rehearses at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room on Sunday mornings.
- Our children will depart for Sunday School following Children's Time. Then, following a brief time of fellowship, our children will gather in the Choir Room for Children's Choir (11:15 AM to 12 PM).
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- We welcome you to a time of Fellowship with treats in the Garden Room adjacent to the sanctuary.
- Heritage Munyakuri returns to continue to share with us about his life in Congo, refugee camps, immigration, and the current experience of immigrants in the U.S.
- Today concludes the ABC-USA World Mission Offering. Today we will receive your special gifts to support Global Servants and their mission and ministry work all over the world. Thank you for considering your gift. A guide to current International Ministries' Global Servants may be found in the Garden Room.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FBCR Book Club for September will be held on the 5th Tuesday, September 29. This month will be a double feature book discussion with *Theo of Golden* by Allan Levi and *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Join us at 11:30 AM with a bring-your-own-lunch and fellowship. Then discussions will begin at noon. We welcome new people any month.
- For an informative and interesting continuation of our Wednesday Program, we will meet on September 30, at 6:00 PM, in the Chapel to discuss concepts from Brené Brown's documentary, *The Call to Courage*. The ideas presented encompass courage, bravery, vulnerability as strength, and taking emotional risks. We will discuss the concepts in the documentary on a personal/individual level and together from a church perspective.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) for October 1 will be exploring *World Day/National Day: You've got to be kidding!* Chair exercise at 11:30 AM with lunch and program beginning at 12:15 PM. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- There will be a special Adult Choir rehearsal on Wednesday September 30 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM in the sanctuary.
- On October 4, World Communion Sunday, the First Rochester Choir will sing during worship. Rehearsal will be in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM next Sunday.
- A special matinee performance of *Come From Away*, will be held on October 14th at 11 AM on the JCC's CenterStage for seniors, friends, and family at a discounted price of \$25. There are only a few tickets left, reach Kandee Tabor at kandeetabor@gmail.com, if you wish to attend. Payment is due immediately to reserve your ticket (first paid, first served).

PREPARING FOR THIS FALL:

- Your Trustees and Council are hard at work on a five/ten year plan for our church. You will be invited to give input and ideas along the way. All aspects of church life, program, staff, financial, and building needs are being discussed. On October 25th, we will kick off the 2027 Stewardship Campaign with a presentation by Council and Trustees, followed by a luncheon. The meal will be provided for us, so you do not need to worry about bringing a dish to pass. We want everyone here, eager to share together as we consider how we will grow together into our future. Mark Sunday October 25 on your calendars now!
- Join us this fall as we dive a little deeper into the Minor Prophets during Wednesday Studies at 6 PM. Stay tuned as Katie Jo will be providing more information soon.
- Youth and adult instrumentalists are invited to play in an ensemble on Sunday, November 22 at our Thanksgiving Service. Email Carl at carl@rochesterfbc.org, or talk with him on Sunday if you are interested in joining this ensemble.

GIVING:

- Today is the last Sunday to give to the World Mission Offering. Please use the envelope in your bulletin and make your check out to First Baptist Church with WMO in the memo line for this pass-through offering that supports our worldwide Global Servants.
- On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month, we accept items of canned pasta and jellies for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 832 items. The Center for Youth shares this food with teens in need and at risk.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month following a brief fellowship in the library.
- Trustees: 3rd Monday of the month, 6 PM on Zoom.
- Council: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6 PM on Zoom.
- Combined Council and Trustees meeting on October 20 in the Chapel at 6 PM.