

ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 18, 2026

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor
Jessica Irfan, CE Coordinator | Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist
Naomi Chad, soprano; Paige Robinson, alto; Jonathan Ellwanger, tenor; Kit Chan, bass

Order of Worship

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

Prelude *Little Prelude in C Major, BWV 939* J.S. Bach
Williams Tao, piano

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation
Them bones, them bones, them dry bones, now hear the word of the Lord.

Music for Meditation *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty
Children's Choir

Welcome and Invocation Kandee Tabor

Invitation To Worship *Psalm 99* (adapted for worship)

One: Great is the Lord in Zion, he is exalted over all the nations.

All: Let the people praise your great and awesome name, for You, O God, are Holy.

One: You, our King, are mighty, you love justice and establish equity.

All: Let us exalt the Lord our God, and worship at God's footstool. For God is Holy.

*Hymn *Let All Things Now Living* #22

Scripture *Thessalonians 1:1-10* Kandee Tabor

Morning Prayer, sharing our joys and concerns Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
with unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *We are Singing in the Light of Christ 'Siyahamba'* Traditional South African
Children's Choir

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

*Hymn *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* #446

Scripture and Prayer *Ezekiel 2:1 to 3:2*

*if able please stand

Sermon *Fear Not Prophet* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Interlude in G Major* L. Mourian

Doxology *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn *On Eagles Wings* #438

Benediction

Postlude *Amazing Grace* J. Carrell and D. Clayton,
George Haefele, piano Arr. Martha Mier

*if able please stand

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 children will leave worship following Children's Time for Sunday School. There will be Children's Choir rehearsal after fellowship.
- The Youth will meet during Second Hour in the Youth Room.
- Tnere is a Missions Meeting in the library after fellowship.
- 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 after today's service.

Upcoming Events:

- Join us as we dive a little deeper into the Minor Prophets during Wednesday Studies, 6 PM. Each week we will look at the prophet discussed on the previous Sunday. On October 21, we will look at *Ezekiel*. Following our Sunday's 2027 Stewardship launch and luncheon, the Wednesday study on October 28 will be a look at the *History of Halloween and All Saints' Day*. We will return to the Prophets in November.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on October 22 will be *All About Apples*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM with a lunch and program beginning at 12:15 PM. Please RSVP to Kandee at *kandeetabor@gmail.com.*
- First Rochester Choir rehearses Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room (the first room in our Education Wing). All interested singers are welcome to join us on October 25 to rehearse.
- 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 **Sunday, 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!**
- There will be a *Service of Gratitude* on Wednesday, November 18 at 6 PM in the Chapel.
- 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.
- Mark your calendars now for the First Rochester's Choir special musical Sunday during worship on December 8 and our Children will prepare as they lead us in worship on Sunday, December 15. Both these Sunday Services you won't want to miss!

Giving:

- 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 867 items. The Center for Youth shares this food with teens in need and at risk.

Sign-ups in the Garden Room:

- **Your Help Is Needed!** Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for Readers in October, November, and December; Ushers; and Fellowship.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month in the library after fellowship.
- Combined Council and Trustees meeting on October 20 in the Chapel at 6 PM.