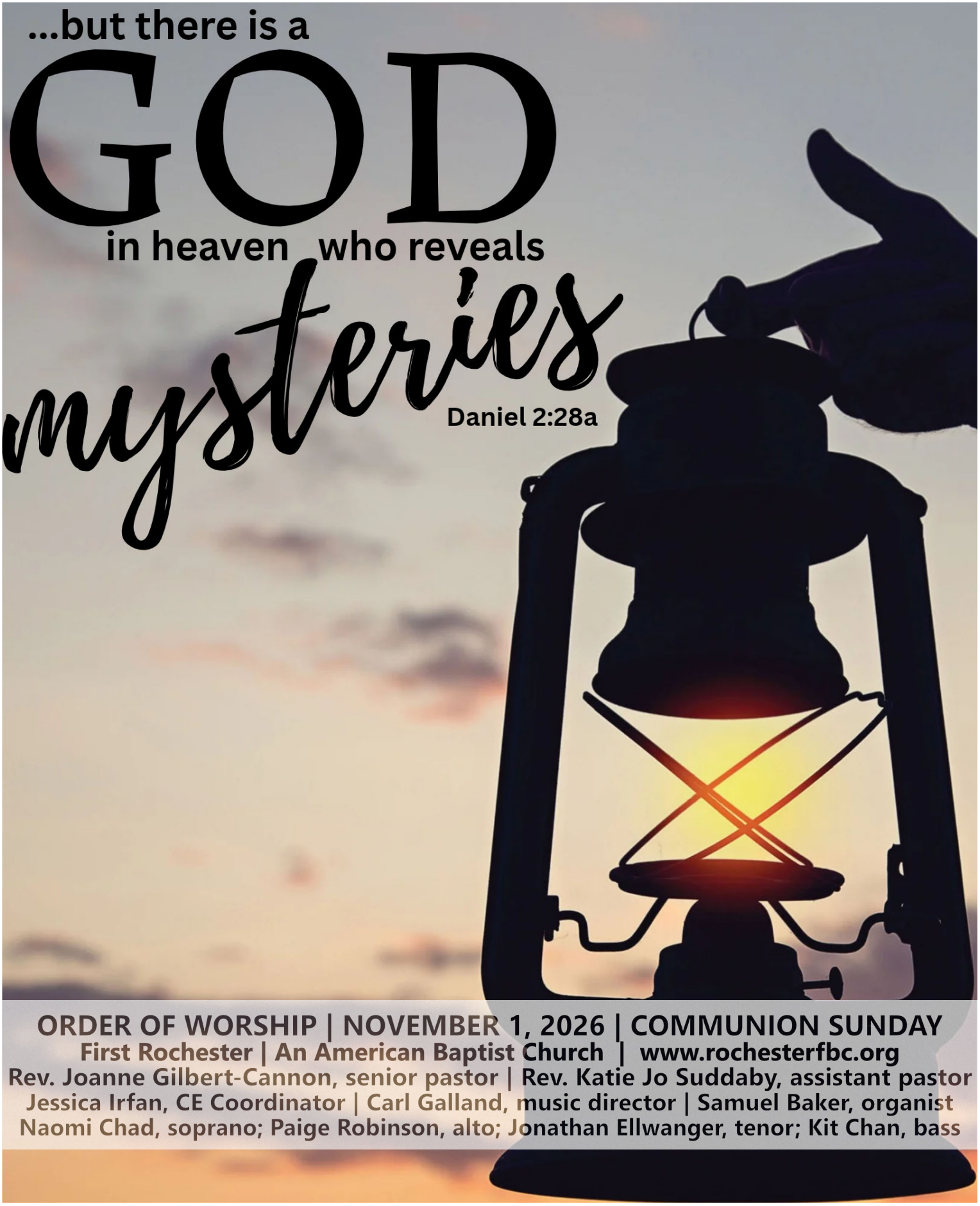


ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | COMMUNION SUNDAY

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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 *Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major K. 216: I. Allegro* W. A. Mozart
Gavin Smith, violin; Carl Galland, piano

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation:

Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith…
let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1

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Music for Meditation Fanfare: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Albert Zabel

Welcome and Prayer *Children excused* Kandee Tabor

Invitation To Worship

One: Today, we worship God in the presence of many witnesses.
Many: Those who serve along side us, and those who have gone before us.
One: Today we observe ancient traditions, and we seek new understanding.
Many: Our lives of service honor those who have gone before us.
Our openness to what's next prepares the next generation to live faithfully.
One: May those who have gone before look with favor on our church.
Many: And may those who follow us look with hope to the future we helped build.
All: Amen.

*Hymn *You Servants of God* #112

Scripture *Daniel 1* Kandee Tabor

Special Music *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* *Charles H. Gabriel*
Section Leaders, voice; Oliver Hood, cello; Doleen Hood, piano; Carl Galland, clarinet

Invitation to Mission and Ministry Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Morning Prayer, sharing our joys and concerns

*Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #698

Scripture and Prayer *Daniel 2:24-30*

*if able please stand

Sermon *When Savvy Meets Faithful* Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Lamb of God, Unblemished* Hans F. Micheelsen

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby; Kandee Tabor, assisting

Invitation and Institution

Unison Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

We observe an open communion, all are welcome at the table

The Covenant of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, NY

Believing that God has called us into being as persons and as a church; confessing that the adoration of God leads to the fullest experience of our humanity; accepting Jesus Christ as the human face of God, and the One we know as a brother, teacher, confessor, redeemer, Lord, and Savior; promising faithfulness to the way of Christ and to the unique community of the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we establish this covenant with God and each other:

- **To uphold the purpose of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, which is to inspire trust in God and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ.**
- **To endeavor to live by the moral and ethical principles taught by Christ and revealed in scripture, and to be cheerful stewards of our wealth, wisdom, work, and world.**
- **To uphold freedom of religious expression, to honor the diverse ways in which God is known among us, and to strive for social justice within all human relationships.**
- **To create a worshiping community characterized by love, the study of scripture, prayer, forgiveness, peace, joy, and welcome.**
- **To accept the risks that accompany the holy process of transformation and the struggles of any community that follows Jesus with passion.**
- **To pursue our common vision to raise the quality of life in Jesus' name for the congregation, the community, and the world through our ministries of compassionate service.**

Benediction

*Parting Hymn *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*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:

- We are receiving canned pastas with meat and jellies for Center for Youth today.
- Our First Rochester Choir meets to rehearse on Sundays at 9:15 AM. They will sing in worship on Sunday, November 8 with rehearsal in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM.
- Our children will leave worship following the Welcome and Prayer and return for Communion later in the service. Children's Choir will met following Fellowship.
- Immediately following worship we will have a time of Fellowship in the Garden Room, adjacent to the sanctuary, where you will find treats and conversation.
- Sunday Forum will gather during Second Hour in the Chapel. Pastor Katie Jo will share *Comparing Christian and Buddhist Ideas and Practices* after her recent journey to California, where she learned from Buddhist monks as they created a sand mandala.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make our Sunday programs work.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday Evenings led by Pastor Katie Jo in November will return to a deeper dive into the Prophets from the previous Sunday. On November 4, we will review Daniel and on November 11, Amos. We will conclude the month on November 18 with a *Service of Gratitude* in the Chapel at 6 PM. There will be no Wednesday Study on November 25.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, November 5, will look at *November Facts, Fiction, and Folklore*. 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.*
- On November 8, please plan to stay after worship to share in a light meal and watch a family-friendly movie for all ages.
- Book Club will meet on November 24 at 11:30 AM for fellowship and to discuss the book, *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts.
- Mark your calendars for First Rochester Choir's musical worship on Sunday, December 6. Our Children are preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday, December 13. You won't want to miss both of these special Advent Sundays!

Giving:

- Today is Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, when we accept canned pasta with meat 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. If you forgot to bring your items today, you may drop them off at the church until Nov. 4.
- The Giving Tree will accept your donations for the STAR program, gifts for children served by Cameron Community. STAR Gift Tags will be placed on the Giving Tree as soon as they are made available to us. We ask you to return your gifts no later than Sunday, November 22, when wrapping will take place. We will accept your donations of wrapping paper, large gift bags, tissue paper, and tape (placed under the Giving Tree).
- Our next 5th Sunday Mission Project will be on November 29 when we will pack cold weather kits for the Street Ministries of Cameron Community and House of Mercy.

Sign-ups in the Garden Room:

- Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for November and December Reader,Ushers, and Fellowship.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month, November 15, in the library after fellowship.
- Trustees will meet on November 16 on Zoom at 6 PM.
- Council will meet on November 17 on Zoom at 6 PM.