

First Baptist Church of Penfield

A Congregation
of the American Baptist Churches

Established 1804

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Communion Sunday



Welcome and Sharing within the Community

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We hope and pray that God's loving spirit will be made real and meaningful for you here.

Worship today takes place both in the sanctuary
and using the Zoom platform.

Links to the online service appear on our website.

If you need to contact us, please phone or e-mail us

Hours - Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm
Church Office closed on Mondays during School Holidays

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*All who are able are invited to stand.
(All music used with permission -CCLI #997703)

PRELUDE

Cornet Voluntary

Blow

WELCOME

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

INTROIT:

Love Divine

Stainer

Caroline Duers, soprano; David Griffith, tenor

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”

*** RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Sue Greco

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Congregation: It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Leader: Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows upon them, and they wither and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Congregation: Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because He is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Leader: Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Congregation: He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,

Congregation: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

* **HYMN**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#56

* **INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Sue Greco

God of Merciful Love, Thank You for the chance to gather in Your sanctuary. May we praise Your wonderful works, and show appreciation for all the help You've given us through the years. May we share with our whole lives the love of Jesus Christ for everyone. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: (Lord's Prayer) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 147: 1-11 (NRSVUE)

Sue Greco

ANTHEM

My Hope is Built

Trenney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to offer a joy or a concern. Please complete your prayer requests with "Lord, hear my prayer."

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

How to Tithe and Give in these Circumstances

* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Doxology* #34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIME

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

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SERMON

All Things to All People

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

For those on Zoom: at-home Communion is just as meaningful. Please bring a small serving of juice and bread to the room where your computer is so that you may partake when prompted, just as we do in the church building. If you are out of juice or bread, any carb and beverage will do.

***HYMN**

Blest be the Tie that Binds, verse 1

#393

***SPOKEN BENEDECTION**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS*

Kevin Enter, Marcia Jolley, Don Jolley, Ray Gibb, Judy Gibb,
Emily Johnson, Sandy Pray, Nancy Thompson,
The Family of Patricia Heckman

*If you wish additional information on the prayer list, please contact one of the deacons: Judy McNeil, Marsha Kiriazides, Susie Sparnecht, Carol Morse.

We believe in the Power of Prayer. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month, unless the need is resolved, or if a family member or the Deacons request an extended listing. To remove or extend a prayer request, please contact Sandra at the Church Office.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any information you would like to share, concerning the mission and ministry of this church, please send them to the office to be included in the bulletin by Tuesday at 9 am.

REMINDER TO ALL TEAMS

Be sure to pass along all future dates and activities to the church office so they may be placed on the general church calendar and building use plan.

PASTOR STEVE

Pastor Steve will be in the Pastor's Study mornings, Tuesday through Friday this week. You may reach him by phone or e-mail on those days or anytime.

The church will be open for visitors. **If you decide to visit, out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you wear a mask, whether vaccinated or not.** Likewise, Sandra and Pastor Steve will also don masks when we receive visitors.

Pastor Steve is available to talk to you any time of day, for any reason. His phone number is 585-368-8643, his email is pastorbrotz@gmail.com

Date	Prepare Proclaim Presentation	Run Zoom	Camera & Participants
Feb/4	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Phillips	Sarah Phillips
Feb/11	Gregg Goodman	Gregg Goodman	Penny Goodman

THIS SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Reading – Sue Greco

Young People’s Time – Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

Coffee Hour – Liz Fasel

Usher – Don Fox

Flowers – Today’s flowers are given in loving memory of Pat Heckman by Liz Beuter and Sarah Kohlenberg.

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2024 - SCOUT SUNDAY

Reading – Scouts

Coffee Hour – Scouts & Jeff Phillips

Usher – Scouts

This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Sun Feb/4	<u>Morning Worship</u> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	10:30 am	NFH
	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	11:15 am	NFH & Zoom
Tues Feb/6	<u>Pastoral Relations Meeting</u>	7:00 pm	Zoom
Wed Feb/7	<u>Mission Meeting</u>	10:30 am	Zoom
	<u>Prayer Group</u>	1:00 pm	Zoom
	<u>Bible Club</u>	6:00 pm	Zoom
	<u>Chancel Choir</u>	7:30 pm	Sanctuary

This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Thurs Feb/8	<u>Men's Lunch</u>	12:00 pm	Riki's in Fairport
	<u>Bell Choir</u>	6:30 am	Choir Room
	<u>Coordinating Council</u>	7:00 pm	Zoom
Sun Feb/11	<u>Morning Worship</u> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	10:30 am	NFH

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor
 Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director
 Caroline Cooke, Caroline Duers, David Griffith ~ Choral Scholars
 Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant
 Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care
 Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

How to Join Sunday Worship Service by Phone

Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's virtual service
Zoom Meeting opens at 9:00 am – Worship Service starts at 9:30 am

Phone Users Dial +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

When prompted, punch in this meeting ID -----→ 839 345 585

When prompted, punch in -----→ #

Adult Discussion Today

ADULT DISCUSSION VIDEO SERIES, WINTER/SPRING 2024

"What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey

The future of Christianity depends on how we master the art of understanding and giving grace.

At the end of the twentieth century, Philip Yancey wrote his classic bestseller *What's So Amazing About Grace?* as a testament to the power of God's grace and as a rallying cry to the Christian church to see the acting out of grace as its single most important contribution to the world.

Now, in this 6-session, video Bible study, Yancey reexamines—with fresh material and new stories—the scandalous power of grace so that groups and individuals can reflect upon, share, and extend this amazing gift of Christ in new and transformative ways.

In this study, you'll discover:

- The extent of God's love and what it means for us.
- Why the church seems to have lost the gift of grace-giving and why the world apart from the church can't offer it at all.
- What it would look like for us to truly understand, receive, and give the gift that God gives so generously to us.

Yancey offers compelling and true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks how Christians today can contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear. And he challenges each of us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, "what's so amazing about grace?"

Sessions include:

1. No Strings Attached - 2/4/24
2. An Unnatural Act - 2/18/24
3. The Art of Forgiving - 2/25/24
4. Grace Out to the Test - 3/10/24
5. Grace Abuse - 3/17/24
6. Dispensing Grace - 3/24/24

In Christ, Pastor Steve

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group

Please join Pastor Steve Wednesday for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting, a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

1:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When prompted, enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

Bible Club Meeting

Wednesday - Time: 6:00 pm

Zoom Only this Wednesday

How to join us online:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

Call-in:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

Health Safety

**For the latest info on COVID-19,
please go to the Center for Disease Control Website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)).**

Or call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 for updates

YOUR NOTES

Who We Are

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.