



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Récit de Cromorne* Nicolas de Grigny
from *Veni Creator Spiritus* (1672-1703, French)

***OPENING PRAYER** Toni Burton

***HYMN** (see insert) One Generation Shall Call to the Next Words & Music;
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards) Greg Scheer

***RESPONSIVE PSALM** from Psalm 89 Toni Burton

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord;

Many: with our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: Your steadfast love is established forever;

Many: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: Happy are the people who know how to worship;

Many: who walk in the glow of your countenance.

One: We walk in the glory of your strength;

Many: By your favor our fortunes are exalted.

***GLORIA** (Hymn 72, sung once)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Children through 5th grade come up)

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Summer Children's Ministry in the Play Space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Robbie Stapleton

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:40-42 Toni Burton

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Of Messages and Messengers* Robbie Stapleton

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Robbie Stapleton

OFFERING OF GIFTS

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. by Mark Hayes
Bonnie Kidd, *soprano*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,
go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." *Refrain*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***HYMN** (see insert)

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

EBENEZER

BENEDICTION

Robbie Stapleton

POSTLUDE

I Love Thee, My Lord

George Shearing
(1919-2011, American)

I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;

I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God.

I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know;

But how much I love Thee my actions will show.

*Please stand in body or spirit

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God

In honor of all the educators at First Baptist Church.

Thanks for your dedication to learning and connecting.

~ Grace VanderVliet ~

We pray for the family and friends of **Lois Wilson Crabtree**. We also pray for **Noreen Wolcott, Grange Burnside, Pidgey Karolyi, Kathy Mortensen, Paula Burton, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Erica Diels, Katherine Cartee, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, and Beth Granberry.**

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.



Join us outside for lemonade after the service. We'd love to connect!

We welcome Robbie Stapleton (she/her) to the pulpit this morning. Robbie and her husband, Bill, have been members of First Baptist since 2014. She has degrees from Albion College, Michigan State University and The University of Michigan, and has lived in Ann Arbor for 42 years. Robbie taught at Community High School for 32 of those years and retired from teaching in 2020. At First Baptist, Robbie serves on the Board of Christian Ed and was Moderator from 2022 - 2025. Robbie and Bill have three grown "kids": Joe is working on his PhD at Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his wonderful wife, Kelsea, and their daughter, Rose and their son, Will, live in Princeton. Drew is a psychotherapist in Ann Arbor, and Tressa is a Research Analyst, also in Ann Arbor. Robbie and Bill are very close to achieving their goal of hiking in the 63 National Parks of the US! And, of course, they travel far and wide to see their favorite musician. Next Sunday, we welcome our new pastor, Rev. Laura Harris-Adam, to the pulpit!

Children's Ministry. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 years) upstairs. Children who have completed 5th grade and younger, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Youth group on Sundays will resume in the fall. Keep an eye out for youth activities this summer. For more information, please contact Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a small group for you! While the group is not officially meeting regularly over the summer, there will be occasional gatherings planned as folks are available. If you'd like to join our email list to get notified of our gatherings, contact Meg Suell (meghansuell@gmail.com), Valerie Francia (valerie1francia@gmail.com), or Jamie Mills (jamie.mills08@yahoo.com).

Welcome Party for Pastor Laura and her family! This spring we called Rev. Laura Harris-Adam to be our next pastor here at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor. Pastor Laura's first Sunday preaching is July 5th. The following Sunday, July 12th from 4-6p we'll have a party to celebrate at County Farm Park (2230 Platt Rd). Please RSVP online at fbca2.org/connect.

Questions? Connect with Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com), Jamie Mills (Jamie.mills08@yahoo.com), Kathleen Ford (kafing@gmail.com), or Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Art Fairs Parking Lot. We have eight artists who will rent spaces in our lot during the Art Fairs this year (July 16-18). The artists will arrive to set up their booths on Wednesday, 15th. On Thursday – Friday, when we have volunteers, we will rent out parking spaces to shoppers. In 2025, we were able to raise \$1044 from shoppers and an additional \$1470 from the artists for their reserved spots, for a total of \$2514 - all of which was used for household goods for Hikone and for clothing for the Warming Center folks.

We currently have four volunteers but would love to have more! Shifts are for two hours: 11:00 – 1:00, 1:00 – 3:00, 3:00-5:00. Volunteers will greet each car and explain the cost and take their money – or explain that the lot is full. Volunteers receive a free spot to park if they wish to shop before or after their shift. FBCA2 people are very welcome to come to shop and we will find you a space, though if we do not have volunteers to manage the lot there might not be anything available. Come volunteer and then go shopping!

Contact Sue Ellen if you have questions or would like to volunteer (gloverse@hotmail.com).



Online Photo Directory. As a way to welcome Pastor Laura Harris-Adam, and to allow us all to put faces with names and feel more at home in our congregation, we are encouraging everyone to update our online photo directory! We use Servant Keeper for our online directory, as we use this software already for our giving statements. Scan this QR code to register/login to your account to update your information and add a photo to your profile. Reach out to Christina Alaniz (cnalanz@umich.edu) if you need any help!

Habitat for Humanity & FBC. As in past years, our congregation has committed financial support to the Good News House projects. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2026. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.com) if you have any questions or about volunteering for our second work day on Friday, August 21.

Summer Hours. For the month of July, the main office and building will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30a-12:30p and Tuesdays from 8:30a – 3:00p.

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinaabe people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.



Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.

Calendar

- June 28 Worship @10:00a
- July 5 Worship @10:00a
 Pastor Laura Harris-Adam's first Sunday!
- July 12 Worship @10:00a
 Welcome Party for Pastor Laura @4:00p until 6:00p
- July 16-18 Art Fairs Parking
- August 21 H4H Workday

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