



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 5, 2026**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**GREETING** Xan Morgan

**PRELUDE** *Adagio (Excerpt)* Charles-Marie Widor  
from *Organ Symphony No.6 in G Minor* (1844-1937, French)

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Chris Grapentine

**\*HYMN** (see insert) O God, Our Help in Ages Past *ST. ANNE*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

**\*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 1st grade) will head to the playspace. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!)]

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Pastor Laura  
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Chris Grapentine  
One: The Word of God for the People of God  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *One Act of Mercy at a Time* Pastor Laura

## SILENT REFLECTION

**INVITATION TO GIVING** Pastor Laura

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Out of the Deep*

Robert L. Bedell  
Isaac Thompson, *baritone*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord, hear thou my voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If thou wilt be extreme, to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee. Therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust, in his word is my trust. My soul fleeeth unto the Lord before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. Israel, o Israel, trust in the Lord, for with him there is mercy, and plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem thee, he shall redeem thee, he shall redeem thee, from all, from all thy sins. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Pastor Laura & Xan Morgan

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Bread & Cup (see insert)

One Bread, One Body

*ONE BREAD, ONE BODY*

The Prayer of Blessing

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

\***HYMN** (see insert, v. 1)

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*DENNIS*

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Laura

## POSTLUDE

*Praeludium in E Minor (Excerpt)*

Arnold M. Brunckhorst  
(c.1670-1720, German)

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in celebration and welcome of Pastor Laura, Si, Tom, and Lydia.*

*~ First Baptist Church Family ~*

We pray for the family and friends of **Katherine Cartee** and the family and friends of **Todd McCracken** . We also pray for **Noreen Wolcott, Grange Burnside, Pidgey Karolyi, Kathy Mortensen, Judy Burton, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Erica Diels, 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.**

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the denomination-wide **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering which supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. Please give generously.

**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!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

**On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday"** when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship.

**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!** Today is Rev.

Laura Harris-Adam's first Sunday as our pastor here at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor. Next Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6p we'll have a party to celebrate at County Farm Park (2230 Platt Rd). Please RSVP online at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect).

Questions? Connect with Robbie Stapleton ([robbiestapleton@gmail.com](mailto:robbiestapleton@gmail.com)), Jamie Mills ([Jamie.mills08@yahoo.com](mailto:Jamie.mills08@yahoo.com)), Kathleen Ford ([kafing@gmail.com](mailto:kafing@gmail.com)), or Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto: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, 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 ([cnalaniz@umich.edu](mailto:cnalaniz@umich.edu)) if you need any help!

**Community Action Network (CAN) Back-to-School Drive.** Each year our congregation helps equip the students in the seven locations served by Community Action Network (CAN) for the new school year. This year 300 backpacks are needing to be filled! Please give generously to this special ministry. Here is the link to the Amazon wishlist or if you'd prefer to give a financial donation, please send a check made out to Sue Ellen Glover c/o First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington, 48104. All donations are needed by August 5 in order to be sorted and distributed to the seven communities.

**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 about Habitat 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 Monday through Thursday from 8:30a-12:30p. Closed on Fridays.

**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](http://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.

### Calendar

- 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
- July 19        Worship @10:00a
- August 21    H4H Workday

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