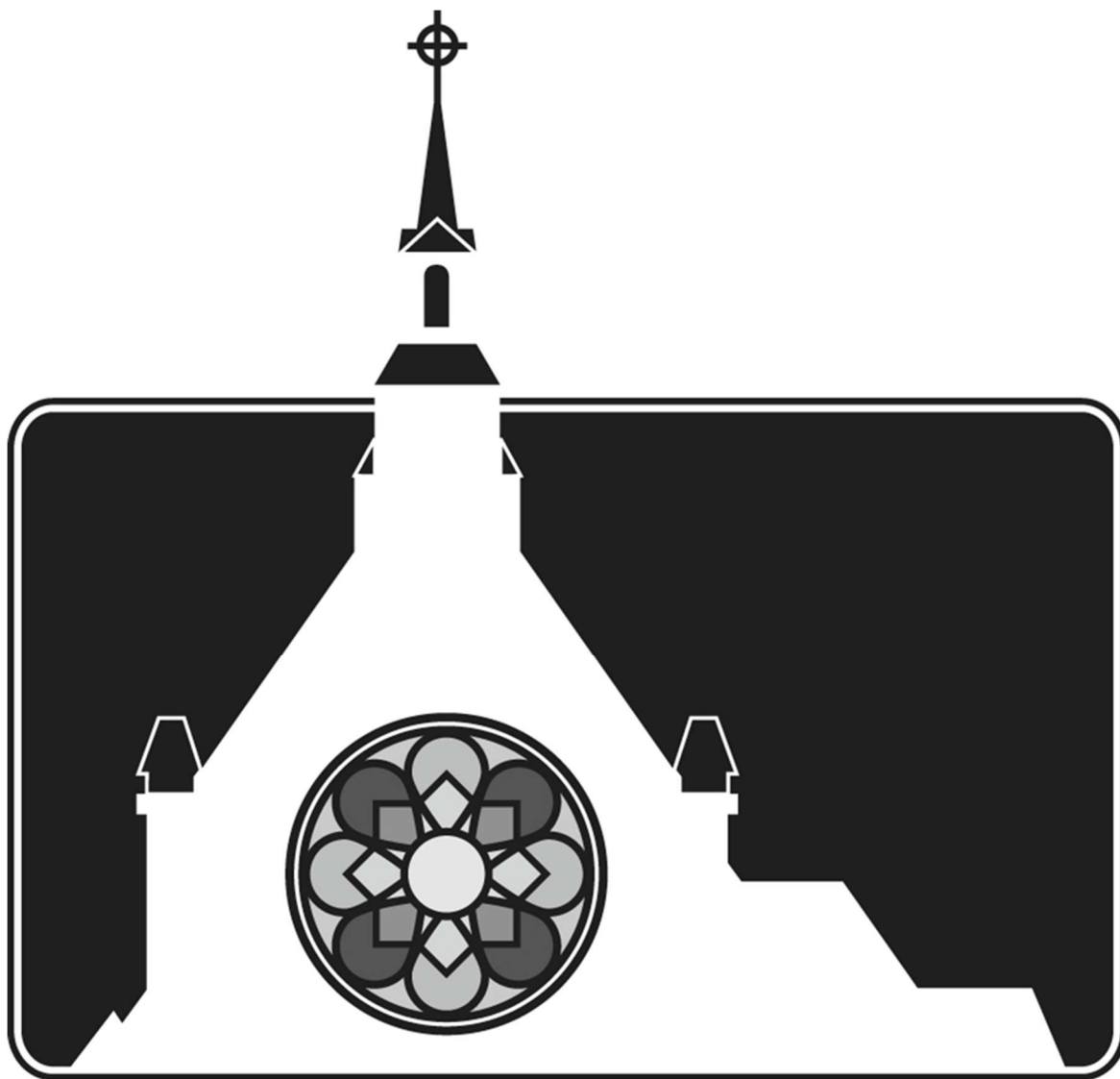




# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 30, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING

Xan Morgan

## PRELUDE

*Adagio* Felix Mendelssohn  
from *Organ Sonata No. 1, Op. 65* (1809-1847, German)

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Valerie Francia

\* **HYMN #400** (see insert) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *NETTLETON*

## \*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 26:1-3, 6-8, 12

Valerie Francia

One: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**Many: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

One: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**Many: I wash my hands and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

One: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

**All: *In the full assembly I will bless the Lord.***

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

(Children through 6th grade come forward to sing Gloria and then for Time As Children)

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

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

## BLESSING OF LEARNERS AND EDUCATORS

(Following the blessing, kids through 6th grade will leave for Summer Children's Ministry in the Play Space.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Laura

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

## \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Valerie Francia

One: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*On Human Things*

Pastor Laura

## SILENT REFLECTION

## INVITATION TO GIVING

Pastor Laura

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*God's Grace Abounds*

John Parker & Stan Pethel

O precious child, O wand'ring lamb,  
You'll never stray beyond God's care,  
Held close within God's loving hand,  
With ev'ry step God's love is there.  
We have a Father who is kind,  
A heart where mercy can be found,  
A loving peace to ease the mind,  
A place wherein God's grace abounds.  
Though pain may come along the way,  
God will not leave you on your own,  
His grace, sufficient for each day  
Will guide you to your final home.

O rest my soul, and take your ease,  
You are forever in God's care.  
You will be blessed, where love is found;  
That place wherein God's grace abounds.  
When time is gone, and life is passed,  
And all God's myst'ries are made known;  
We'll have a home with God at last  
Encircled 'round His holy throne.  
O rest my soul, and take your ease,  
You are forever in God's care,  
You will be blessed, where love is found,  
A place wherein God's grace abounds.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Laura

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

## \*HYMN (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5; see insert)

The Summons

*KELVINGROVE*

(Will You Come and Follow Me)

## \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Laura

## POSTLUDE

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*  
(Tune: Nyland)

Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin  
(b.1937, American)

*In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?*

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in appreciation of this church family.*

*~ Kat Becker~*

We pray for **Noreen Wolcott, Donna Tipton, Grange Burnside, Pidgey Karolyi, Bob Shannon, 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.**

**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!

**Signup Sunday is next Sunday!** Please be ready with your calendars next Sunday, as we work to fill up our Sunday ministry schedules for the fall. We all make a good a team!

**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).

**Youth Group Back-to-School Lunch.** Youth group participants (students in grades 7-12), gather with youth group friends and team leaders for lunch after church (around 11:30am) on Sunday, August 30th. We'll walk to Chipotle for lunch, share summer stories, and get ready for the new school year! For more information, contact Marissa Alaniz (marissacalaniz@gmail.com). Youth Group on Sundays will resume in the fall.

**Join us for Coming Home Sunday on September 13!** The Sanctuary Choir will already be back, Children's Ministry classes will begin, and after worship it will be time to party! Join us outside for live jazz music, a delicious popcorn bar, and face painting, too. You won't want to miss this festive regathering of our community after summer travels and summer schedules! Youth Group and our Adult Formation class will begin the following Sunday, September 20th.

**You are invited to Tea with Pastor Laura!** During these next several months, Pastor Laura hopes to meet with everyone connected to our community. Yes, even you! Meet up at your favorite coffee shop, visit in the FBCA2 office, or gather in your home. To sign up, go to the link at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect) and find a time that works for you on the calendar. When you sign up, please let Pastor Laura know where you'd like to meet. Let's share our stories of life and faith over a cup of tea!

**Come One, Come All!** The choir has openings for singers in every section. We have wonderful singers with us now, but we need to build each of our sections, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. We have section leaders to help you learn your parts too! If you love to sing, or know anyone who does, can read some music (don't need to be an expert), want to worship God through music, desire to help the congregation sing the hymns more fully, and have lots of fun, you could be in the choir! I will admit it takes commitment though, but don't we want to give our best in the worship of the living God? We rehearse together each Thursday night from 7:30p to 9:00p. We warm up and rehearse on Sunday mornings starting at 9:15am until the end of the worship service at 11:15am. We sing the Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols Service from King's College, Cambridge. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please let me know, come to a practice, see how you do, experience singing in the choir! You might find you love it and think, "why have I waited so long? This is GREAT!" You can see me on any Sunday after worship if you would like to chat about it! - Bonnie Kidd, Choir Director

**AD LIBITUM Concert Series.** Celebrating its 14th year, our AD LIBITUM Concert Series returns on Friday, September 25, at noon with an organ concert "Salute to Bach" performed by Shin-Ae Chun. The program features organ music in different forms written by Johann Sebastian Bach. This will be a great opportunity for the audience to hear our 3-manual Robert Noehren Organ in full action in our acoustically beautiful sanctuary. It is a free concert open to all. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

**Save the Date for a service of installation honoring Pastor Laura on Sunday, October 11 at 10am.** Join us in worship as we celebrate and covenant together for this new season of ministry at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor!

**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.

### Calendar

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| August 30    | Children's Ministry Focus Group @8:30a<br>Worship @10:00a<br>Youth Group Lunch @11:30a<br>Sexton Orientation @11:45a |
| September 6  | Worship @10:00a                                                                                                      |
| September 7  | Labor Day: Church Office closed                                                                                      |
| September 9  | The Gathering @6:00p                                                                                                 |
| September 13 | Coming Home Sunday<br>Children's Church School begins                                                                |
| September 20 | Worship @10:00a<br>Youth Group begins<br>Adult Formation Class begins                                                |
| September 23 | Bible Study @1:00p                                                                                                   |
| October 11   | Service of Installation<br>for Pastor Laura @10:00a                                                                  |

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