



*SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND INSTALLATION
for Reverend Laura Harris-Adam*



October 11, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Pastorale
from *Partita on St. Anne*

Paul Manz
(1919-2009, American)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. DJ Reed

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN #89 (vv. 1, 3, and 4; see insert)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

GREETINGS FROM ABC-MI

Rev. Nikita McCalister

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Nikita McCalister

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 4:15-16

Julie Smith

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

To the Lord Almighty

W.A. Mozart

To the Lord almighty, to the Lord almighty, praise His name forever, forever.

Serve Him with gladness; for He is gracious; we are His people.

O praise His name forever, forever, forever.

He is merciful, for He is merciful, in thee, O lord, have we put our trust.

He is merciful, for He is merciful, in thee, O Lord, is our trust,

In thee, O Lord, have we put our trust.

Sing His praises, sing His praises, sing His praise forever,

sing His praise forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

David Suell

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children in 6th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids will go to the play space upstairs. Grown-ups will pick up kids from there after worship.)

SERMON

A Dangerous Yes

Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #451** (see insert)
(Collecting of prayer cards)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Bill Foster

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

To Thee, O Lord

Sergei Rachmaninoff

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, my God I trust in thee.

To thee, O Lord, do I lift my soul, my God I trust in thee.

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, my God I trust in thee.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above you heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PASTOR

Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky

**COVENANT OF MINISTRY BETWEEN PASTOR AND CONGREGATION
AND DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION**

Moderator:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we enter today into a covenant relationship
between pastor and congregation.

Pastor:

With excitement for our journey together toward a future full of possibility, I make this covenant with you in response to your call to become your pastor and in affirmation of the Spirit's summons to this place.

Congregation:

As the congregation at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, we heartily enter into this covenant relationship with you as our pastor, giving thanks to God for what is to come.

All Visiting Friends and Clergy:

On this joyful occasion, we stand as witnesses to the covenant you make with one another, committing to hold you in prayer as you journey together.

Pastor:

As your pastor, I promise to engage in a mutually shared, collaborative ministry with you, the congregation, continuing to cultivate the long and rich history of lay leadership at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor in fresh and creative ways.

Congregation:

As a congregation believing that every member is a minister, we promise to journey with you in this ministry we share together, honoring your spiritual leadership among us, and knowing that, at every age in life, we all have gifts to offer, believing that we're better together than we are on our own.

Pastor:

As your pastor, I promise to challenge you and encourage you through preaching and teaching that upholds the highest intellectual standards of critical theological scholarship with an interpretive eye toward the concerns of peace and justice that animate the life of this congregation.

Congregation:

As a congregation of inquisitive people, called to the work of peace and justice, we promise to ask hard questions, study the scriptures, confront the world's most pressing concerns, and to support you in your continued growth as a pastor and theologian, as we grow with one another in faith and wisdom.

Pastor:

As your pastor, I promise that I will love and care for you in your times of need and I will endeavor to cultivate a community at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor where an ethic and practice of love and care is woven throughout the fabric of our communal life.

Congregation:

As a congregation striving to be a caring community, we promise to follow a communal ethic of love and care for all, our youngest children through our oldest adults, to practice care toward the most vulnerable in our midst, and to love and care for you and your family.

Pastor:

Now, let us conclude this covenant together:

Pastor and Congregation:

We as pastor and people, gathered and called together by God, do covenant together to love one another as Christ first loved us. Acknowledging that we will not always live up to these covenant promises, we pledge to return to love over and over again trusting in God to hold us.

Moderator:

It is my pleasure as Moderator of the congregation to declare that The Rev. Laura Harris-Adam is hereby officially installed as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor.

All:

Amen!

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Judy Fackenthal

***HYMN #378** (vv. 1,3, and 6; see insert)

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR AND THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Evan Bever

PASTOR'S RESPONSE

Pastor Laura

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Laura

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***HYMN #140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Laura

POSTLUDE

Fugue on St. Anne, BWV 552 (Excerpt) Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given in celebration
of our shared ministry with Pastor Laura.
Let's love, seek, and serve together!*

~First Baptist Church Family~

We pray for **David Robbins, Noreen Wolcott, Cindy Harrison, Grange Burnside, 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.**

Service Participants

Xan Morgan – Director of Community Life, First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

Dr. Shin-Ae Chun – Organist, First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

Rev. D.J. Reed – Search Committee Member

Rev. Nikita McCalister – Associate Regional Minister, ABC-MI

Julie Smith – Search Committee Member

Bonnie Kidd – Sanctuary Choir Director, First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir

David Suell - Search Committee Member

Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque – Guest Preacher, Mentor and Friend of Pastor Laura

Rev. Bill Foster – Search Committee Member

Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky – Search Committee Member

Mary Davis – Moderator, First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

Rev. Judy Fackenthal - Retired American Baptist clergy, Friend of Pastor Laura

Rev. Evan Bever – Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Indianapolis

We welcome Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque has built two careers united by a single purpose: serving and sending. For her first twenty years, Dr. Jacque served colleges and universities, including her alma maters Northwestern and Columbia. Answering a call to ministry, she earned both an M.Div. and a Ph.D. in Theology from Boston University. Her pastoral career includes founding the Pastoral Counseling Center of Trinity Church (Boston), serving as the first Executive Director of the Boston Ten Point Coalition, senior pastor of the Community Church of Barrington, and Minister for Small Groups at Alfred Street Baptist Church. Entering retirement in June 2026, Dr. Jacque continues to serve through consulting with churches, nonprofits, and other assignments. She also serves as President and Chair of the Board of National Senior Communities — the nation's largest portfolio of not-for-profit continuing-care retirement communities. Her contemplative social media platform, *The Sacred Pause*, has grown to over 250,000 followers. Find her at beacons.ai/zinajacque. She is, simply put, an agent of change, a voice of hope, and a person of faith.

Our paraments are red today in recognition of the presence of the Holy Spirit with us on this celebratory day. In Christian tradition, red is the liturgical color for Pentecost as well as for ordinations and installations as a reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit who continues to enliven and guide the work of the church. Pastor Laura's red stole was given to her at the occasion of her ordination by her home church, North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago. The handprints are those of the church council and include fabrics from the diverse backgrounds of that community, including The Philippines, Guatemala, and Karen State in Burma. Pastor Laura wears red shoes today to remember the long history of female theological scholarship. At her alma mater, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, women often wear red shoes to graduation in memory of Georgia Harkness and all who came after her. Harkness served as the first ever Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett Biblical Institute from 1939-1950.

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 downstairs after worship for fellowship time. 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. All children in 6th grade and younger, leave for the play space following Time as Children. Please pick up your children (4yrs through 6th grade) after worship to join you for the Installation Reception. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Group. All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join the youth group on Sundays. We gather in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. This fall our amazing team of adult youth leaders will facilitate conversations ranging from "How Do I Pray?" to "Jesus and Narnia." For more information, please contact Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com) or Pastor Laura (laura@fbca2.org).

Adult Formation. Join Pastor Laura after worship beginning October 25 for a study centered on Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to Be Brave*. We'll gather to discuss decisive moments in life when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. Books are available, please pick one up today!

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents a concert "Piano" on Friday, October 16, at noon. John Mortensen, Professor of Music at Cedarville University, will perform his own improvisations in a variety of historical styles which is his specialty along with music written by Bach, Rameau, Couperin, Scarlatti, and Royer. This will be a rare opportunity to see and hear how a musician's mind works as he improvises. It is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar! Invite your friends and neighbors to listen to beautiful music in our sanctuary!

Our Central Area ABWM (American Baptist Women of Michigan) are hosting an event on Saturday October 17th at Immanuel Baptist Church , 1565 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, MI. It is a fun day of fellowship - we will have puzzles and games for those who wish to come and fellowship and get to know other Christian women in our area and state. It includes a lite breakfast and lunch! Just \$15 per person. See the posters up in church, and/or ask Carolyn Grapentine about the details. I hope you will join us and meet up with old or new friends!

Church Family Dinner. Join us Sunday, October 18th from 5-7 pm at the Mills' house (3144 Dexter Rd) for a chili dinner and inter-generational fellowship. There is no expectation to bring anything, entertainment will be provided for the children, and dinner will account for common allergens/restrictions. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jamie Mills (925-324-4456 or jamie.mills08@yahoo.com).

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. This fall our conversations will be centered on reflections from the book *God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us*, by Lizzie MCManus-Dail. No pre-reading required. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Pastor Laura for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, you can sign up at fbca2.org/connect or send a financial contribution to the church.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study. Anyone is welcome to join our Bible Study from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Lounge. Pastor Laura will lead a discussion of the lectionary readings for the Sunday in two weeks.

Evening Bible Study. Last year a group of us worked through the Yale Bible Study's lessons on Genesis and Mark. We are returning to the YBS this fall to work through the lessons on Exodus, and we would be glad to have you join us. The study involves 8 weekly meetings that take place on Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm at the church in the Lounge. Our first meeting was on September 23. The time commitment is 1-2 hours of reading and reflection in advance of each meeting, plus the meeting itself. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Clay Scott (clayscot@umich.edu) or the church office.

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 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!

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.

Calendar

October 11	Service of Installation for Pastor Laura @10:00a
October 12	Budget Committee @7:00p
October 14	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:15p Evening Bible Study @7:00p
October 15	Choir Rehearsal @7:30p
October 16	AD LIBITUM Concert @12:00p
October 18	Worship Service @10:00a

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