

### A Note of Thanks from Sharon:

I cannot thank everyone enough for being present today and for your part in this journey! Ministry happens through relationships and in community and I am overwhelmed by all I have the privilege to share.

Much love and gratitude,  
Sharon

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*“It is easily forgotten that the fellowship of Christian [family] is a gift of grace, a gift of the Kingdom of God that any day may be taken from us, that the time that still separates us from utter loneliness may be brief indeed. Therefore, let [them] who until now have had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God’s grace from the bottom of [their] heart. Let [them] thank God on [their] knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian [family].”*

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*



### **Faith Baptist Church**

We are a family of faith,  
sharing God’s love in a spirit of hope.

# A Service of Christian Worship

## Celebrating the Ordination of

# Sharon Kirkpatrick Felton

April 22, 2018

4 p.m.

Faith Baptist Church  
Georgetown, Kentucky

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*“Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done to both of us. This is true not merely at the beginning, as though in the course of time something else were to be added to our community; it remains so for all the future and to all eternity. I have community with others and I shall continue to have it only through Jesus Christ. The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, for eternity.”*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

**Prelude** Kathy Fraley

**Meditation of Preparation**

*“If my own experience is to be trusted, then God does not call us once but many times. There are calls to faith and calls to ordination, but in between there are calls to particular communities and calls to particular tasks within them . . . but we are not meant to hear them all by ourselves. It was part of God’s genius to incorporate us as one body, so that our ears have other ears, other eyes, minds, hearts, and voices to help us interpret what we have heard.”*  
—Barbara Brown Taylor

**Welcome** Rev. Amanda Langlands

**\*Call to Worship #405** Congregation  
*“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**Commissioning Litany and Invocation** Rev. Susan Reed

*There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit that gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through individuals in different ways,  
**But it is the same God who achieves God’s purpose through them.**  
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**To use it for the common good.**  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members of Christ.**  
*Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make God’s church useful in the world, and we call people to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Creator. In that spirit, we are all called to serve.**

**Recommendation from the Ordination Council** Dr. Brad Hadaway

**Scripture Reading** Mrs. Sue Kirkpatrick  
*Matthew 25:31-46*

**Charge to the Church** Rev. Bob Fox

**\*Hymn #289** Congregation  
*“Servant Song”*

**Scripture Reading** Dr. David Kirkpatrick  
*Matthew 22:36-40*

**Charge to the Candidate** Dr. Suzii Paynter

**Laying on of Hands** Congregation

**Ordination Prayer** Keith Felton

**\*Hymn #473** Congregation  
*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

**\*Benediction** Rev. Bob Fox

**Postlude** Kathy Fraley