

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 11, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“We Shall Behold Him” arranged by Mark Hayes
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
The LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 228 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptisms

Thomas William and Carol Mae Hair
Parents are Brianna and Charles Hair
Brother is Charlie
Sponsoring Elder is Pat Canfield

**Standing*

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Greeting and Announcements

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Offertory

“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending” text by Charles Wesley

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own;
O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 52 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1–3 & 6)

ST. ANNE

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Revelation 1:1–8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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**And blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it,
for the time is near.**

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Where’s This Gonna End Up?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 233 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending” arranged by Charles Callahan

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Kathy & Julius Mullins in celebration of their wedding anniversary on August 10. Kathy & Julius exchanged vows at First Presbyterian 50 years ago!

*Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 1:9–20
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Join a Sunday School Class Today! We have many adult Sunday school class options. Please see our insert for details and consider joining on next Sunday.

Discover First Dinner in Two Weeks. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending on August 25 or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org).

Volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity Build. Building skills are welcome but not necessary to volunteer at our 8th(!) Habitat build. Visit fpibr.org to sign up. You can also help with food by contacting Emily Viguerie (emily@fpibr.org). Build dates are September 5–7, September 12–14, September 26–28.

Confirmation Lock-In This Friday. The annual 6th-grader Confirmation lock-in is this Friday, August 16. Drop off is 6 pm in the Gym. Contact Jessica Saffell with questions (jessica@fpibr.org).

LSU Prayer Walk This Saturday. International Friendship Partners invites you to a prayer walk across the LSU campus Saturday, August 17. Meet under the Parade Ground oaks in front of the Student Union at 8.15 am. Prayer guides will be available.

Youth Parents' Meeting Next Sunday. Drop off your kids at Sunday school then join the Youth Ministry team in Dunham Chapel at 10.10 am. You'll hear plans for the upcoming school year and get dates for 2025 summer trips and retreats.

Barnyard Bash August 23. Childhood Ministry invites families with children in 5th grade and younger to a fun night of lawn games, Western dancing, and BBQ. We'll even have a mother/son and father/daughter dance time. Western attire is encouraged. Siblings older than 5th grade are welcome! \$10 per family. Please RSVP at fpibr.org by Sunday, August 18.

The Life of Joseph Study. Join Women's Ministry this fall as we journey through Genesis 37–50 uncovering how Joseph's life richly contributes to the story line of Scripture and ultimately foreshadows our greater Deliverer, Jesus Christ. The study begins the week of August 26. Visit fpibr.org for meeting days and times.

Jill Garner's New Book. Copies of *StrongHeart*, written by our own Jill Garner, are still available at the Connection Center for \$15 each.

Ways to Give. We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802) or electronically (fpibr.org or the church app).

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