

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arranged by Paul S. Jones
Rachel Resse-Kollmeyer, violin
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 11 & Jeremiah 17

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven;
His glorious throne is the place of our sanctuary.

His eyes see. He searches the hearts of the children of man. He gives to each one according to their works.

O LORD, our hope, all who forsake you will be put to shame.

But blessed are those who trust in you. Happy are those whose trust *is* you.

For the LORD, our God, is righteous, he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

***Hymn of Praise**

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

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***Blessing God**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Mission

Habitat for Humanity and the Pitts Family

Offertory

“Lord of the Empty Tomb” by Craig Courtney

Lord of the empty tomb, visit the tomb of my heart.
Roll from its entrance the stone of defeat with your victory.
Lord of the empty tomb, enter the tomb of my heart.
Bring to the darkness the light of the world with your purity.

Raise me to know you, to stand in your presence,
To walk in your freedom, to dance to the beat of forgiveness,
To worship your holiness.

Lord of the empty tomb, transform the tomb of my heart.
Bring to the emptiness fullness of joy as you make it your home.

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

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vv. 1-3)

BRADBURY

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Revelation 2:12-17

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

"I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."

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.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Revealing Jezebel"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 275 “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

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

“Jesus Is All the World to Me” arranged by Paul S. Jones



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@fpabr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Discover First Dinner Today. Come learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending the 4 pm dinner, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpabr.org or 225.333.9084).

Combined Worship Next Sunday. September 1 worship is at 10.30 am. There will be no Sunday school.

Additional Parking. The Old Governor's Mansion parking lot across North Blvd. is just a two-minute walk and is now available to First Presbyterian churchgoers on Sunday mornings.

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

Become a Kids Hope USA Mentor. A mentor spends one hour a week talking, reading, playing and listening to a child at Gardere Community Christian School. Each mentor receives training, support and prayer. Visit the Connection Center for more information or contact Annette Lamond (annette@fpabr.org).

The Life of Joseph Study Begins This Week. The Women's Ministry fall study on Joseph begins this week: Tuesday at 7.15 am in the Library, Wednesday at 6 pm at the home of Suzie Thompson or Thursday at 9.30 am in Room 202 (also via ZOOM) with childcare. Email Jaime (jaim@fpabr.org) by noon on Wednesday if you require childcare for the Thursday study.

Fall Community Groups Begin Soon. Fall community groups begin meeting the week of September 3. Contact with Blake Fowler (blake@fpabr.org) to participate.

Rejoice & Tremble: Women's Circle Book Available Now. Women's Ministry Circles resume in September. This year's book, *Rejoice & Tremble*, is available at the Connection Center. Visit fpabr.org for more information about Circles.

In Two Weeks: Family Night @ First. Children's Choir and the "Art of Marriage" community group kick off Sunday, September 8. Be sure to visit fpabr.org for details and registration.

Train Up! New Limited Series Parenting Class. Today's parents (and grandparents) have lots of questions. That's good! Bring them to our "Train Up" series beginning Sunday, September 15 at 10.10 am in Dunham Chapel. See today's insert for details.

Need a Pastor after Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annslee Laura Phillips by Lauren Teague Phillips and N. LaRon Phillips.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 2:1–7

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