

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***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.

***Songs of Praise**

“Not to Us (One Name Forever Shall Be Praised)”

“The Lion and the Lamb”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“King of Kings”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

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

***Song of Response**

“I Set My Hope on Jesus (Hymn for a Deconstructing Friend)”

Please bring your offerings and prayer requests forward.

***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.**



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Because He Lives, Amen”

*Response

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



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.

Join a Sunday School Class Today! Adult Sunday school classes resume today. See today's insert for a list of classes, with topics and class locations.

Sunday School Promotion Is Today. After checking in on the computers, head to the Sunday school classroom of the grade you are entering this new school year! Reminder: All rising first graders will report to the Kingdom Kids hallway in the basement of the Sanctuary building.

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@fpabr.org).

Important Confirmation Information. All rising 6th-grade students and parents are invited to a Confirmation meeting today at 10.10 am in the Sanctuary Basement. The annual Confirmation lock-in is this Friday, August 16. Drop off is 6 pm in the Gym.

Volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity Build. 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.



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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.

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 fpcbr.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 fpcbr.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 (fpcbr.org or the church app).

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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