

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 10, AD 2024
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God” by Sigfried Karg-Elert
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Exodus 15 & Revelation 15

Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously! Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

You will bring your people in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 64 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

Oliver Shepard Black

Parents are Selene and Christopher Black

Brothers are Noah and Henry

Sponsoring Elder is Suzie Thompson

***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.

**Standing*

**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.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 379 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vv. 1, 5 & 6)

HENDON

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Revelation 15

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

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

“Joining the Song”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

“O God beyond All Praising”

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Invitation to Dedicate

Offertory

“God Is My Strong Salvation” by Austin Lovelace

God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptaion, my light, my help is near:
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait;
His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate;
His might thy heart shall strengthen, his love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

Please place your prayer requests, offerings and dedication cards 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

Wesley's Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
Rank me with whom you will;
Put me to doing,
Put me to suffering;
Let me be employed for you,
Exalted for you,
Or brought low for you;
Let me be full,
Let me be empty,
Let me have all things,
Let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
To your pleasure and disposal.
I dedicate my time, talent and treasure to you.**



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“The Exultant Trumpet” by Lani Smith



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.

Today Is Dedication Sunday. This morning we rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ's beautiful grace. We'll make our financial commitments and also offer places where we might like to serve. Estimate of Giving cards are in the pew racks, or you may email Courtney (courtney@fpibr.org) or use the online form at fpibr.org.



Service of Healing and Hope Today. Join us this afternoon at 4 pm in the Sanctuary as we pray with and for those who have lost children.

Purple Cow "Christmas That Cares" Open House This Thursday. Stop by the Purple Cow on Perkins and Acadian between 4 and 6 pm to greet Gerrit and the Board. Donate new or gently-used Christmas decorations, household items or clothing, find some great deals and get the season started. The Purple Cow proceeds power the great ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

30s & 40s Women's Social This Thursday. Join us for fun at our 30s and 40s Friendsgiving Social at Elizabeth Fourrier's home (1525 Cameron Ave.) on November 14 from 6 to 8 pm. Thanksgiving inspired appetizers will be provided. Feel free to bring any other beverage of your choice.

November 16 Habitat for Humanity Paint Day. The Habitat team needs painters to help caulk and paint Jamie Pitt's home on Saturday, November 16 from 8 to 2 pm. Her address is 1874 Fountain Avenue (Gardere area). Just show up or contact Whitney for more information (225.810.2607).

Live Nativity Cast Members Needed. On Friday, December 6, downtown Baton Rouge will be alive with our traditional Live Nativity. With no speaking and just one night of rehearsal on Thursday December 5, you can be a part of the Live Nativity and share the gospel story. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lauren Honea (lauren@fpibr.org).

Bethany Centre Art Show, November 22. Join us for the Bethany Centre 2024 Art Show on Friday, November 22 from 6 to 9 pm at City Farm (1800 City Farm Drive). Proceeds from the art show will be used to equip the Bethany Centre's new high school science and computer labs with Starlink internet and other day-to-day operating expenses.

Get Your Angel! Help us bless the children of incarcerated parents by providing a Christmas present or help with gift delivery. Visit Ryan Castle at the Connection Center or contact him (ryanecastle@gmail.com or 225.773.4769) for details.

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 Jolie Berry who faithfully served the church as Deacon, Elder and Presbytery Moderator, by her husband Gene and their children, Katherine Hearn and David Berry.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 16 & 17
Sanctuary services are video recorded
and livestreamed.

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