

# BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, AD 2024  
9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Romans 1*

God is. God creates. God loves. What can be known about God is plain, because God has shown it to us.

**God's invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.**

Yet, although we knew God, we did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, and so we became futile in their thinking, and our foolish hearts were darkened.

**Without thanksgiving, without choosing to acknowledge God, we exchange the truth of God for a lie. And we sink into foolishness.**

But here we have come to a truth-telling place. Here we look up from the rushing urgency of a self-focused world.

**We lift our hearts to worship the Triune God. We give him thanks, and find that everything gets re-ordered with grace and truth.**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Holy Forever”

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

*\*Standing*

## Minute for Mission

Whitney Alexander, Associate Pastor of Missions



### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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#### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Revelation 18:1-10*

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,

a haunt for every unclean spirit,

a haunt for every unclean bird,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

For all nations have drunk

the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,

and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,

and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”

Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out of her, my people,

lest you take part in her sins,

lest you share in her plagues;

for her sins are heaped high as heaven,

and God has remembered her iniquities.

Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,

and repay her double for her deeds;

mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,

so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,

since in her heart she says,

‘I sit as a queen,

I am no widow,

and mourning I shall never see.’

For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,

death and mourning and famine,

and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,  
you mighty city, Babylon!  
For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

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

“In a Single Hour, You Fell”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“Praise the Savior”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal Triune God, we confess how seldom we look back to understand why we do what we do, or want what we want. We seldom look forward to see how so much of what we prize will be of no importance. We are slaves to the urgent *now* of desire, pride and pressure to conform. We follow shiny trinkets of glamour and miss what matters. We pretend there will be no reckoning. No more! This hour we look to you in repentance and hope, in confession and cries for mercy. Tune us to the eternal truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon



## INTERCESSION

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## Prayers of Thanksgiving



## BENEDICTION

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### \*Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

### \*Response

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Live Nativity, Friday, December 6.** Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men and shepherds will re-enact Jesus’ birth. Join us Friday, December 6 at 5.30 and 6.30 pm in the Terraced Garden.

**Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day!** On Sunday, December 8, the choir, orchestra and dancers will perform “Dancing Day”, a Christmas cantata. This celebration of the royal wedding between Jesus and his bride includes original music by Chris Phillips inspired by J. S. Bach and Chris Tomlin. Join us at either the 9 or 11 am service. The Chapel Communion service will not meet. Join us for a special gathering between services in the Reception Room when the children’s choir will lead us in carols.

**Downtown Pilgrimage December 8.** The annual Downtown Pilgrimage is the evening of Sunday, December 8. The Pilgrimage begins at Mt. Zion at 5.30 pm and arrives at FPC at approximately 6.30 pm.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Advent Brunch.** Please join us for the Women's Ministry Advent Brunch Saturday, December 14 at 11 am at the home of Tricia Davis. Join us for food, fellowship and a special devotion led by Lindsay Stratman. Registration is available at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org). \$10 per person.

**Daily Advent Readings Start Next Sunday, December 1.** Advent daily readings flyers will be available on Sunday, December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. An email will be sent each Sunday with the week's readings and will also be posted to the church website.

**Advent Mid-Week Worship.** Join us for mid-week Advent worship in Dunham Chapel on Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 at noon. Our Scriptural focus will be on Matthew 25 as Jesus gives three memorable teachings on his second coming, a fitting focus for Advent. Join us for a time of quiet joy with our family of faith!

**Register by Tuesday for the Prime Time Club Christmas Luncheon.** The Prime Time Club invites all 60+ year olds to its Christmas lunch at Mike Anderson's Side Porch on Tuesday, December 10 at 11.30 am. Please visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) to register by this Tuesday. The cost is \$25 per person.

**It's Never Too Late!** There's still time to rededicate your gifts and talents in reply to God's beautiful grace. Estimate of Giving cards are available in the pews, online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org), or you may email Courtney Hilton ([courtney@fpcbr.org](mailto:courtney@fpcbr.org)).

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders.** Help decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$35 per plant. Order deadline is Wednesday, December 11. Order forms are at the Connection Center or online ([fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org)).

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*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of beloved parents Florence & Mack Gregorie, and in honor of dear aunt Nita K. Harris, by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Burton.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 20:1-15*  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
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