

# BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 20, AD 2024  
11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson*

## **Prelude**

Selection from *Interstellar Suite* arranged by Richard McVeigh  
Steve Gustafson, organ

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

*From Psalms 2 & 97 and Revelation 11*

The LORD reigns! Let the earth rejoice and let the coastlands be glad!  
**Let the heavens proclaim his righteousness and all the people see his glory.**

God's people hear and are glad, for his judgment is just.  
**For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth.**

The nations may rage, and kings plot against the Anointed One,  
**But the LORD has set his King on Zion's hill, and he has begun to reign.**

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
**Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD!**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 267 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Our God and Father, too easily have we been won by the world. We confess that we have been moved more by the fear of man than by our fear of you. We have desired respectability and a quiet life more than righteousness and a faithful life. We have forgotten that friendship with the world is enmity with you. Forgive us, we pray. Yet we have also given in to despair. The world would have us think that your Church is weak and dying and, whether by thought, word or deed, we have believed them. Have mercy on us; be patient with us. Teach us to desire truth and steadfast love, to remember that we must first die before we can rise. Amen.**

## **\*Silent Confession**

*\*Standing*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Strategic Plan Report**

Kelly Wood, Ministry Executive

**Offertory**

"Ye Followers of the Lamb" arranged by Edwin Earle Ferguson

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb.  
Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

*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

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### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

No. 293 “Rise Up, O Church of God”

ST. THOMAS

### **Time with God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

*Revelation 11*

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**

Colton Underwood

“The Witness of the Church”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

No. 292 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

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## LORD’S SUPPER

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### **Sacrament of Communion**

#### **The Exchange of Love**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Communing in Christ

Prayer of Thanks

*Please come forward to receive communion.*

### Communion Meditation

Selections from *Interstellar Suite* arranged by Richard McVeigh



## BENEDICTION

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### \*Response

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

### Postlude

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*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.*

*The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers serve to honor a departed loved one or celebrate with thanksgiving cherished people or events. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please contact Kathy Mullins at 603.4735.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 12:1–17*  
*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Concert of Prayer Tonight.** Join us at 6 pm for a beautiful combination of individual, small group, and corporate prayer, interspersed with hymns and praise music.

**International Friendship Partners' Harvest Festival.** IFP invites you to join them for a Harvest Festival this Friday, October 25 from 6 to 8 pm at the Bealls'. We'll fellowship with internationals, play games and have a costume contest. Food will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite fall dish. Email Steve Tubre ([tubresteve@gmail.com](mailto:tubresteve@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

**Kirkin' O' the Tartans Is Next Sunday!** Wear your plaid and join us for a great celebration of our Reformed faith Sunday, October 27 at 10 am beginning on the front steps with the pipes and drums. Please contact Jaci Gaspard to be sure your clan's tartan is represented ([jaci@fpcbr.org](mailto:jaci@fpcbr.org)).

**Chicken and Waffles Lunch Next Sunday.** Join us in the Gym after worship on October 27 for fried chicken and waffles. Register online early and pay less: \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 9 years and younger. Price increases on the day of Kirkin'. Those who have already registered, may pick up your meal ticket at the Connection Center.



**Elder and Deacon Election October 27.** The session has called for a meeting of the congregation during the 10 am service Sunday, October 27. The sole purpose of the meeting is the election of elders and deacons for the class of 2027. The congregational nominating committee, after receiving and prayerfully evaluating suggestions from the congregation during the summer, will nominate for Elder: Will Adams, Gerry Arnold, Chuck Barber, Cheryl Brodnax, Jane Cooper, Debbie Copeland, Calvin Fabré, Pat Kerr, Jason Lewis and Kevin McCarter. For Deacon: Robert Arnold, Ashley Beck, Beau Greene, Cate Heroman, Ryn Jones, Scott Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Lott, Neal McMillin, Pat O' Donaghue and Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer.

**Trustee Election October 27.** The trustees have called for a meeting of the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during the 10 am service, October 27. The sole purpose of the meeting is to fill a vacancy on the board. The trustees will nominate Carter Stone.

**Hurricane Relief.** Donations may be made to Evangelical Presbyterian Church headquarters: [epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief](http://epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief).

**Gardere Ground Breaking Ceremony.** Gardere Community Christian School invites you to its new building ground breaking ceremony on Friday, November 1 at 8 am. Seating is limited. Please let Cheryl Lott know you are coming by Wednesday, October 29 ([cheryllott@gccsbr.org](mailto:cheryllott@gccsbr.org)).

**Give Online.** Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail.



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