

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 20, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Gerrit Dawson

***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!

***Songs of Praise**

"Rejoice"

"Holy Forever"

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*

Strategic Plan Report

Kelly Wood, Ministry Executive



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

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

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“I Set My Hope on Jesus”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

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

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

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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

*Song of Response

“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”

*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.

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) 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@fpabr.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.





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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 Fabr , 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.

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).

Give Online. Visit fpcbr.org or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail.

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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