

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Revelation 4

In his vision, John saw the very throne of heaven. Angelic beings offered ceaseless worship.

Day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

And when some give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, others fall down before him and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Today we are invited to add our voices to the angels around the throne, as we rise to worship the living and true triune God!

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

***Songs of Praise**

“When the Stars Burn Down”

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

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Behold Our God”

Infant Baptism

John Lloyd Mayo

Parents are Sarah and Erik Mayo

Siblings are Jennings and Jackson

Sponsoring Elder is Lindsey Spiller

***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.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

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

Scott Graham

"Love Roller Coaster"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Song of Response**

“Bless the Lord My Soul”

Please bring your offerings and prayer requests forward.



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Holy Forever”

***Response**

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

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 Will Dixon by Shea & Tim Firnberg and Sharon Dixon.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 5:1–14

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Train Up” Parenting Series Starts Today. “Train Up! Parenting by God’s Design” is a limited parenting beginning today at 10.10 am in Dunham Chapel.

Celebrate & Connect. InterVarsity is involved with over 250 student across 8 campuses. FPC is excited to celebrate what God has done and share how you can connect with this exciting, multicultural student ministry partner. Please join us for a celebration and update today at 5 pm in the Reception Room. RSVP at fpibr.org.

Night of Testimony & Fellowship. Join Women’s Ministry Thursday, September 19 as some of our beloved sisters-in-Christ share the ways the Lord has worked personally and powerfully in their lives (Bonnie Adams, Kate Castle, Lisa Head, Nicolette Shafto and Kaci Treadaway). The price increases from \$15 to \$20 at midnight Sunday, September 15. Please register by Wednesday, September 18 at fpibr.org.

Another Habitat Build Weekend! Visit fpibr.org to sign up for the September 26–28 build weekend. Contact Emily to help with food (emily@fpibr.org).

DivorceCare® Starts Next Sunday. A 13-week support program for those who are separated or divorced begins Sunday, September 22. We meet 5–7 pm at the church. Please contact Laura Shaw soon to reserve a spot (laura@fpibr.org).

Men’s Ministry BBQ, September 26. Join us for fellowship and ribs hot off the grill on Thursday, September 26, 6 pm at Calvin Fabr e’s. Please RSVP to Blake Fowler (blake@fpibr.org).

Communion Training, September 29. Kindergartners through 5th graders and their parents are invited Sunday, September 29 at 10.10 am in Dunham Chapel.

Experiential Prayer in Two Weeks. We will have several stations for active and experiential prayer covering topics: upcoming elections, mission opportunities and healing for our city and nation. Join us Sunday, September 29 from 6 to 7 pm in Dunham Chapel but stay for any length of time.



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