

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Revelation 5

And the angelic sang a new song to the Lamb, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,

For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***Songs of Praise**

“Behold Your God”

“What a Beautiful Name”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Revelation Song”

**Standing*

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Dr. Veronica Sanders, McKinley Elementary Principal



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Revelation 5

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

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be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

“Worthy Is the Lamb!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Is He Worthy?”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant me your grace. Lion of Judah, Worthy One, open again the future of my life through your atoning sacrifice. Clear the barriers my sin has created. Restore my joy that I might sing with angels and all creation, “You alone are worthy to receive blessing and honor and power and glory! Amen.”

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

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*Song of Response

“Your Great Name”

*Response

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

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Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. McKowen II, Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. McKowen Sr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodford, Jolie Thuneman Peel, and Jolie Berry by Jeanie McKowen Thuneman, Wayne McKowen, Ann McKowen Gerald and Allie McKowen.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 6

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

One More Habitat Build Weekend! Building skills are welcome but not necessary to volunteer at our 8th(!) Habitat for Humanity build. Visit fpcbr.org to sign up. You can also help with food by contacting Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org). Our last build weekend is September 26–28.

DivorceCare® Starts Today. A 13-week support program for those who are separated or divorced begins today at 5 pm in the Library (EB 203). Please contact Laura Shaw to reserve a spot (laura@fpcbr.org).

Men's Brotherhood & BBQ: Real Stories, Real Community. Join us for fellowship and ribs hot off the grill on Thursday, September 26, 6 pm at Calvin Fabré's. Please RSVP to Blake (blake@fpcbr.org).

Communion Training, Next Sunday. Each year, Gerrit offers a Communion training class for children in kindergartners through 5th grade and their parents. Join him in Dunham Chapel at 10.10 am on Sunday, September 29.

Experiential Prayer Next Sunday. We will have several stations set up for active and experiential prayer covering topics such as the upcoming elections, mission opportunities and healing for our city and nation. You can arrive and stay for any length of time you have available. Join us Sunday, September 29 from 6 to 7 pm in Dunham Chapel.

Become a McKinley Elementary Volunteer. Stop by the Connection Center to sign up for ministry opportunities at our adopted school, McKinley Elementary.

For the Young at Heart. Join us for fun & fellowship at the first luncheon of the Prime Time Club, a social group of First Presbyterian Church for those young at heart (AKA 60 and older). We meet on Thursday, October 3 at 11.30 am in the Reception Room. RSVP to Laura (laura@fpcbr.org or 225.387.0617).



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