

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Book of Revelation



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Colossians 1

Come now and let us give thanks to the Father who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

He is reconciling to himself all things and making peace by the blood of his cross.

Let us continue in the faith. Let us be steadfast in the hope of this good news. And let us give all praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

***Songs of Praise**

“Come Ye Sinners”

“Holy Forever”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“Like Incense”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Revelation 3:14-22

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

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

“What’s Your Temperature?”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Lord, I Need You”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord Jesus, the fire of your love compelled you to come down to us. Your passion for your bride, your church, took you to the cross. The joy in your resurrection lightens all our darkness. Yet we confess that we have not replied with our whole hearts. The flame of our love has dimmed. We are tepid in our praise. We are lukewarm in our worship. We are bland in your mission. Forgive us. Stoke the fire in our souls until it burns bright again. Enflame us with such zeal that the lost can see their way home. Let there be no doubt that we are yours always and forever.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“Amen”

***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@fpcbr.org, or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Congregational Meeting Today. The session has called for a congregational meeting for today at 10.15 am to elect the members of the Associate Pastor for Teaching and Leadership Search Committee. Nominated search committee members are Will Adams, Gerry Arnold, Cheryl Brodnax, Jennifer Cagley, Jamy Comeaux, Robert Davis, Brett Furr, David Kozan and Laurie Lemoine. Gerrit will participate in an advisory role.

Family Night @ First Begins Tonight! We've coordinated Sunday evening events so that Children's Choir, youth and "The Art of Marriage" community group all happen at Family Night @ First from 5 to 7 pm tonight at the church. Children's Choir and "The Art of Marriage" require registration. Please visit fpcbr.org for details.



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Grab Your Work Boots: Habitat for Humanity Build. Building skills are welcome but not necessary to volunteer at our 8th(!) build. Visit fpcbr.org to sign up. You can also help with food by contacting Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org). Build dates are September 12–14, September 26–28.

How Do I Parent Confidently? This question, and many others, will be addressed at “Train Up! Parenting by God’s Design,” a new limited series parenting (and grandparents) class beginning next Sunday, September 15 at 10.10 am in Dunham Chapel.

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

Ladies’ Night of Testimony & Fellowship September 19. Join Women’s Ministry on Thursday, September 19 at Chelsea Smith’s. Those sharing their testimony are 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 fpcbr.org.

DivorceCare® Starts September 22. A 13-week support program for those who are separated or divorced begins Sunday, September 22. Meetings are 5 to 7 pm at the church. Space is limited so please contact Laura Shaw soon to reserve a spot (laura@fpcbr.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 s. Please RSVP to Blake Fowler (blake@fpcbr.org).

Revelation Community Groups. Contact Blake Fowler to join a group (blake@fpcbr.org).

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jerry Johnson by his wife, LaNelle Johnson, and their daughters Debra Matthews, Joy Pennington and Jeri J. Cochran.

Scripture for Next Week: Revelation 4
Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.
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