



# Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

*A Christ-centered community for a changing world*

## JANUARY 5, 2025

### GROUNDING IN SCRIPTURE

*All we do and believe comes out of the authority of the Bible.*

- Keeping our foot on the gas.
- Transformation is the goal.

### PASSIONATE IN PRAYER

*Prayer is an intimate and powerful encounter with God, in which we talk about all things humbly yielding to His will.*

- My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.
- What does a praying church look like?

### RESPONDING IN WORSHIP

*Worship is the heartfelt response of God's people to who He is and what He has done expressed individually, as families, and corporately as a gathered community.*

- All of life is worship.
- One voice to an audience of ONE.

### CONNECTED WITH PEOPLE

*We seek to walk in humility and value all people, both inside and outside of the church.*

- Looking in.
- Looking out.
- Looking beyond.

### COMMITTED TO LIFE TRANSFORMATION

*Helping people, one life at a time, take their next step in relationship with Jesus.*

- Disciples who make disciples who make disciples.
- Setting aside the microwave to embrace a Crock-pot approach.
- What's next?

### BUILDING FAITH DRIVEN HOMES

*Through the power of the Gospel, we seek to build strong children, women, men, marriages, and families.*

- Pray
- Stay
- Play

### FIRST KIDS

#### Sundays

**0-3yrs:** Nursery is available on the 2nd floor. **3yrs-5th Grade:** The kids begin their experience in 'big church' and then go to Kids Quest on the lower & upper level.

**Wednesday Nights 6:15-7:45 PM**

**Children may be dropped off anytime after 6:10 PM.**

**Squires:** 3yrs-Kindergarten - Children's Chapel

**GEMS:** 1st-6th Grade Girls - Sanctuary

**Cadets:** 1st-6th Grade Boys - The Lodge

### MOSAIC YOUTH

**Wednesday Nights** - Coffee House

**Middle School Ministry (6th-8th):** 6-7:30 PM

**High School Ministry (9th-12th):** 7:30-9 PM

**Sundays**

**D-Groups (6th-12th)** meet at 11 AM.

### YOUNG ADULTS

**Young Adult hangout nights every Friday night.** Contact Bryant for the details each week.

### OUTREACH

**Kadens Kloset** is always accepting gently loved children's clothing in all sizes for foster/adopted children. **Volunteers are welcome to help in the closet.**

**Food Shelf** - We collect donations on the 1st Sunday of the month.

### FIRST ADULTS

**Iron Man Groups** are small groups of men that meet weekly. If you are interested please contact *Ward Van Dyke*.

**Women of the Word** are small groups of women that meet weekly. If you are interested please contact *Bekah Seuferer*.

**Life Groups** are small loving communities committed to loving each other, growing deeper in Christ, praying and caring for each other all in the warmth of a home and are open to anyone. If you are interested please contact *Bryant Seuferer*.

**Morning Connect** is on **Tuesdays, 6:30 AM** in the DeJong Coffee House. Helping men/women become disciples of Jesus Christ. Led by *Pastor Bob*.

**Systematic Theology II** is on **Sundays, 11 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Systematic Theology is an approach to finding answers every Christian needs to know: Doctrine of God, Doctrine of Man, and Doctrine of Christ. Led by *Pastor Bob*.

**How to Study the Bible** is on **Sundays, 11 AM** in the Dwelling Place. This class will help you to learn to read and interpret scripture carefully and faithfully. Led by *Bryant Seuferer*.

**Bible Blueprint II** is on **Sundays, 11 AM** in Forge Hall. Come take a journey through the New Testament! Led by *Alex Foley*.



## PRAYER CARE

If you are wanting to be prayed for after the worship service, there is someone at the front of the Sanctuary in the Prayer Cove that would love to pray for you.

People at First Church desire to hear from you when you are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized or with the death of a loved one. Please let us know so we can cover you in prayer and uphold you during the difficult times by **filling out the welcome card in the pews or emailing Shalene at [frc.pce@frcpella.org](mailto:frc.pce@frcpella.org)**.

**Pray for:**

- Bobby & Hope Quayle who are missionaries with Resound where they use sports as a relationship-building tool in countries closed to traditional outreach. Pray for them as they prepare to move to England.
- God's nearness to Harry Ehrlich who is dealing with heart concerns. Pray for him as his current activity level is substantially limited.
- Continued prayers for Al Van Zee who remains in the hospital.
- Judy Smid who is recovering from a recent fall and surgery.
- The consistory retreat on Saturday. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be present as the consistory prepares for the year.
- We express our Christian Sympathy to Jeremiah, Jozana, Clayton & Evie Carter with the passing of Jeremiah's mom, Karen Carter-Seibert.

**Rejoice:**

- Congratulations & God's Blessings to Billy & Karianne Graves with the birth of their son, Isaac Eugene, on Dec. 27. Isaac is welcomed home by big brothers, Wyatt & Parker.
- We rejoice that we can celebrate God's goodness in 2024 and look forward to see what He has in store for each of us in 2025.
- Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings to Loren & Linda Vande Lune celebrating their 67th anniversary on January 10.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Marlene Dykstra celebrating her 89th birthday on January 11.

## HAPPENINGS

### Piecemakers

Meet Tuesdays, January 21 & 28, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

### Human Trafficking Awareness/Education

Join us **Saturday, January 11, 6-8:30 PM** at First Church. This event will shed light on realities of human trafficking and how we can work together to combat it. We will watch the documentary *AnyKid Anywhere* and hear from survivors advocates.

Sunday, January 19  
1 - 4 PM

**SHAPE**  
DISCOVER WHERE GOD HAS GIFTED YOU TO SERVE



**6-week course starts on**

**Monday, Jan. 20**

**Time: 6:30-8:30 PM Cost: \$100**

**Location: Maytag Student Center - Central College**

We believe God has an important role for you & The Church to play in The Great Commission. The Missions Course exists to help you discover that. This course will introduce you to God's heart for the nations and invite you to discover and play your role in it!

Sundays Starting 1/5/25  
**11:00**  
WINTER DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II** 11:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Class led by **Pastor Bob**.  
Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing [bjcubs@gmail.com](mailto:bjcubs@gmail.com).

**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** 11:00 AM  
Dwelling Place  
Class led by **Bryant Seuferer**.  
Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing [bseuferer@frcpella.org](mailto:bseuferer@frcpella.org).

**BIBLE BLUEPRINT II** 11:00 AM  
Forge Hall  
Class led by **Alex Foley**.  
Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing [alexftw411@gmail.com](mailto:alexftw411@gmail.com).

Join One Today!

**Life Groups**  
LIFE. TOGETHER.

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2. DOWNLOAD CHURCH CENTER APP  
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3. LOOK AROUND!  
Quick links, sign-ups, check-ins, calendar and more!

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

*Facing*  
**CHALLENGES**  
1 CORINTHIANS

## THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for .....

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest  
11 AM D-Groups  
11 AM KQ Discipleship  
11 AM Systematic Theology II  
11 AM How to Study the Bible  
11 AM Bible Blueprint II
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
- Wednesday:** 8:30 AM MidWeek Meal Prep  
5:30 PM MidWeek Meal  
6 PM MSM Mosaic  
6:15 PM GEMS/Cadets/Squires  
6:30 PM Ezekiel  
7:30 PM HSM Mosaic
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Saturday:** 6 PM Human Trafficking Awareness & Education Event
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest  
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Sunday, Jan. 26 • 1-4 PM • Forge Hall

**STARTING POINT**

Explore the faith, the Church and becoming a Partner in Mission (member) at First.