



# Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

*A Christ-centered community for a changing world*

## FEBRUARY 16, 2025

### INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

*Why doesn't God stop the evil going on in the world?*

[Psalm 10:1-5]

### INTERLUDE

[Revelation 10:1-11,14]

*It is time to pause and think about what is happening.*

### THE ANGEL [1-2A]

- WHAT WAS THE ANGEL WEARING?
- WHAT ABOUT HIS FACE? HIS FEET?
- WHAT IS THE LITTLE BOOK?

*A cloud and a rainbow*

### THE ACT [2B-3]

- A FOOT ON THE LAND AND A FOOT ON THE SEA!
- TAKING BACK WHAT IS HIS.
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### THE ANSWER [4]

- THE THUNDER AS COMMUNICATION

[Deuteronomy 29:29]

### THE ANNOUNCEMENT [5-7]

- THIS IS IMPORTANT!
- NO MORE DELAY
- MYSTERY OF GOD

[Matthew 24:3; Acts 1:6]

### THE ASSIGNMENT [8-11]

- EAT IT!
- PROPHECY AGAIN!

*Sweet and Bitter*

### THE SWEET & SOUR OF THE GOSPEL

*INTERNALIZING THE GOSPEL SO WE CAN SHARE THE GOSPEL!*

- Most of the Gospel is SWEET to the child of God.
- Some of God's Plans are hard for some people to swallow.
- We can trust that all of God's ways – the sweet and the sour are right and reliable.



### 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.

### 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 & 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:

- Scot & Becki Dykstra who are missionaries with TEAM and serving in Japan. Pray for believers in Japan to be bold in telling of God's grace in their lives.
- The students and leaders attending Winter Blitz. Pray for safe travels as they head home today.
- Pray for those that are dealing with illness, depression, anxiety, or loneliness.
- A Call to a Night of Prayer on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 PM. One of First Church's values is to be passionate in prayer.

### Rejoice:

- Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to Wilford Roose celebrating his 89th birthday on February 22.

## HAPPENINGS

### Piecemakers

Meet Tuesdays, February 18 & 25, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

### Operation Christmas Child

As we practice living well in Jesus' name this Valentine's month, let's remember those less fortunate and who are also longing to know the perfect love of our Savior. By contributing to our OCC Child shoeboxes, you can do both. This month we are collecting hygiene items - toothbrushes, combs, washcloths, lip balm, children's bandaids, etc. Stop by the table in the lobby to drop a dollar in the jar, or bring your donations to the church office anytime. Thank you for your generosity and encouragement of our Kids Quest kids as they look forward to packing these gifts of love.

**A CALL TO A NIGHT OF Prayer**

2.18.2025  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

All ages are encouraged and welcome to come!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

MARCH 5TH  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
COME ANYTIME

*Ash Wednesday*

## SAVE THE DATE

July 14-18  
(6-8 PM)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Sundays @  
**11:00**  
WINTER DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

<b>SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II</b>	11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall Class led by <b>Pastor Bob</b> . Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing <a href="mailto:bjcubs@gmail.com">bjcubs@gmail.com</a> .	
<b>HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE</b>	11:00 AM
Dwelling Place Class led by <b>Bryant Seuferer</b> . Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing <a href="mailto:bseuferer@frcpella.org">bseuferer@frcpella.org</a> .	
<b>BIBLE BLUEPRINT II</b>	11:00 AM
Forge Hall Class led by <b>Alex Foley</b> . Please reserve your spot for class materials by emailing <a href="mailto:alexftw411@gmail.com">alexftw411@gmail.com</a> .	

**FORGE DISCIPLINE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

**FIRST CHURCH PELLA**

**MENS' RETREAT**

March 28-30  
Ogden, Iowa

Proverbs 27:17

**SAVE the DATE**

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES



## 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
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect  
9 AM Piecemakers  
6:30 PM A Call to a Night of Prayer
- 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:** 7 AM Men's Breakfast
- Sunday:** 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

February 24

Care Night  
6:30 PM

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 22  
7:00 AM | \$5



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**