



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.
A Christ-centered community for a changing world

MARCH 23, 2025

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT A History Lesson

- Anti-Semitism throughout History.
- The worst is yet to come.
- But after that..... **Zechariah 12:10, Romans 11:25-29; Hosea 2:14-23**

ATTACK #1 [13-14]

- The meaning of the word **PERSECUTION.** **Matthew 24:22**
- Who will help Israel?
- Eagles' wings. **Exodus 19:4**



ATTACK #2 [15-16]

- The Flood **Jeremiah 46:8; 47:2**
- The Swallowing



ATTACK #3 [15-16]

- THE REST OF THE CHRISTIANS.



WHAT DO WE LEARN FOR TODAY?

We will be assaulted by Satan, but we will not fear!

- James 4:7-8** **Ephesians 6:12-13** **2 Timothy 1:7**
- 1 Peter 5:8-10** **1 John 4:4**



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.*

Women Bible Study Groups meet once a month and are going through a study of the *Book of Acts.* *Contact the church office if interested.*



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**.

Pray for:

- Bob & Amy Abel who are missionaries with Remember Nhu in Hideaway, TX. Pray that indigenous Remember Nhu staff would be protected from political unrest and religious persecution.
- The Lord to help us grow in faith and love over these next forty days of Lent.
- God's nearness to Judy Venenga as she is at The Cottages for rehab following surgery for a broken arm.
- We express our Christian Sympathy to Bob Hiemstra with the passing of his dear wife, Phyllis Hiemstra.
- We express our Christian Sympathy to Cynthia Van Zee with the passing of her dear husband, Al Van Zee. Al was a brother-in-law to Laurel & Patti Van Zante. Al's funeral will be Monday, March 24 at 10 AM at First Church. Visitation will be today from 4-6 PM at First Church.

Rejoice:

- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Fern Uitermarkt celebrating her 86th birthday on March 29.

March 31

Care Night
6:30 PM



HAPPENINGS

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesday, March 25, 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

Adult Easter Choir

Some great songs have been selected and you will be inspired & blessed to sing and worship on Easter Sunday, April 20! **Rehearsals: Sundays, March 23 & 30, April 6 & 13 at 11 AM.** If you are able, willing and excited to be a part of this Easter Choir join us in the Sanctuary for rehearsals.

Tulip Time Parking Passes

Passes are available for purchase in the church office. The 3 day pass is \$55 and will support missions.

Easter Lily

Donate an Easter Lily in honor of a friend or in memory of a loved one. The lilies will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday and can be picked up following the Sunday morning Easter Service. The donation is \$16 per lily and is due **Monday, April 14.**

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you so much for your monthly support of our Wednesday night kids programming by donating to Samaritans Purse OCC.

Each November our Gems, Cadets and Squires pack shoeboxes with simple gifts and meaningful prayers that are sent to many countries where the recipients are also invited to a gospel class called The Greatest Journey. You are helping our kids learn about compassion, generosity and sharing the good news by your giving. This month we are collecting dolls. Stop by the table in the lobby for ideas or to drop a dollar in the jar.

Good Friday Service

The service will be **April 18, 6:30 PM.**

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March 26 6:15 PM
MidWeek Meal at 5:30 PM

FIRST CHURCH PICNIC
Saturday, July 12
4-6 PM Caldwell Shelter
Eat at 4:30 PM
6-8 PM Pella Aquatic Center
Please bring a dish to share. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Tableware & Drinks Provided.
COME FOR FELLOWSHIP, GAMES & FUN!

Seder Feast
Messiah in the Passover
6 APR
6 PM
Register Now
QR code

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

TRUMPETS
REVELATION

THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Easter Choir
- Monday:** 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg.
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
9 AM Piecemakers
- Wednesday:** 8 AM MidWeek Meal Prep
5:30 PM MidWeek Meal
6 PM Mosaic MSM
6:15 PM Derby Car Race
7:30 PM Mosaic HSM
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Friday-Sunday** Men's Retreat
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Easter Choir

FORGE
DISCIPLINE
COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP
FIRST CHURCH PELLA

MENS' RETREAT
March 28-30
Ogden, Iowa
Proverbs 27:17
SAVE the DATE