

A TALE OF TWO BEAST (1)

LD 13 03.30.25

Revelation 13:1-10

Pastor Bob Johnson

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

Standing Strong

1 John 4:3 ...but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming; even now it is already in the world.

- Longing for a leader...*be careful*. Don't forget the past.
- Does the Bible talk about a coming Antichrist? Yes!
 - John previously spoke of him.
 - Paul spoke of him.
 - Jesus spoke of him.
 - Daniel spoke of him.

1 John 2:18

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Matthew 24:15-16

Daniel 8:23b-25

THE ANCESTRY & AUTHORITY OF THE ANTICHRIST [1-2]

- Sand, sea, horns, heads, crowns, leopard, bear, lion.
- *What do they all mean?*

THE ATTENTION GRABBING OF THE ANTICHRIST [3]

Counterfeit!

THE ADORATION & ARROGANCE OF THE ANTICHRIST [4-6]

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

THE ACTIVITY & ADMIRERS OF THE ANTICHRIST [7-10]

This calls for endurance and faithfulness from the saints.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FOR TODAY?

Wherever anything or anyone other than God is worshiped, Satan is pleased.



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

A Christ-centered community for a changing world

MARCH 30, 2025

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.

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.*



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First Church Worship Service is broadcast weekly on channel PellaTV 42 Thursdays at 7 PM & Sundays at 9:30 AM.

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.
- All the men attending the Men's retreat this weekend. Pray that this will be a time for continual spiritual growth in the men's lives.
- God's nearness to Hollyn Glenn who will be having brain surgery on April 4. Pray for a successful surgery and smooth recovery. The family asks that Hollyn's privacy be respected.

Rejoice:

- Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings to Jerry & Judy Den Adel celebrating their 61st anniversary on April 3.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Evelyn Van Dyke celebrating her 86th birthday on April 4.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Vernon Wielard celebrating his 91st birthday on April 4.

HAPPENINGS

EPICS Ministry

Join us on **April 7, 1:30 PM** at Third Church where the Tulip Queen and Court will present their 2025 program.

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 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 Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Tulip Time parking **May 1-3 from 8 AM-7 PM** in 2 hour shifts to operate the entrances and exits by lowering and raising ropes and helping people find their parking slots. Please sign up in the lobby or email Deb.

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.



March 31

Care Night
6:30 PM

Good Friday Service

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

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.**

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesdays, April, 15 & 22 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

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

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



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 Care Night
- Wednesday:** 6 PM Mosaic MSM
7:30 PM Mosaic HSM
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Easter Choir
6 PM Seder Fest

First Church Ladies

JOIN US FOR A

WOMEN'S Luncheon

APRIL 26, 2025
12 - 2 pm
Fellowship Hall

\$5/person

SAVE THE DATE

July 14-18
(6-8 PM)

WONDER JUNCTION

Answers VBS

Marvel at Jesus. Live for His Glory

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW