

ANGELS WE WILL HEAR ON HIGH  
Revelation 14:6-11

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### INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

The art of rearranging the chairs on the Titanic.

### THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE: THE GOSPEL [6-7]

Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with the **eternal gospel** to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

He spoke with a loud voice: "**Fear God and give him glory,**  
because the hour of his judgment has come.

**Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."**

Have you received the Good News? Are you sharing the Good News?

### THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE: JUDGMENT [8]

And another, a second angel, followed, saying,

"It has fallen, **Babylon the Great has fallen.**

She made all the nations **drink the wine** of her sexual immorality,  
**which brings wrath."**

From which cup are you drinking?

### THE ANGELS MESSAGE: DOOM [9-11]

And another, a third angel, followed them and spoke with a loud voice:

"If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he will also **drink the wine of God's wrath**, which is poured **full strength** into the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the sight of the holy angels and **in the sight of the Lamb**, and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever. **There is no rest** day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or anyone

who receives the mark of its name.

Why do we do what we do? Are you ready?



# Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

*A Christ-centered community for a changing world*

## APRIL 27, 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 **Hannah Melody**

**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. *Contact the church office if interested.*

**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](mailto:frc.pce@frcpella.org)**.

Pray for:

- Pastor Samuel Kawalya of Uganda. Pray for the project school and for kids to be raised under Christian instruction.
- God's nearness to Roger Duvén as he copes with limitations following his fractured ankle.
- Vernon & Eleanor Boot's great granddaughter who is dealing with some health concerns.
- All of those helping with Tulip Time parking. Pray that we all be a light to those we come in contact with this week.
- Pray for our town as we celebrate Tulip Time this week.
- The farmers during planting season. Pray for safety and productive labor.

Rejoice:

- God's Blessings to Nick & Kayla Arkema as their daughter Cecelia is baptized today.
- We rejoice in the beauty of spring among the trees budding, grass turning green and flowers blooming.

April 28

Care Night  
6:30 PM

## HAPPENINGS

### 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.

### EPICS Ministry

Join us on **May 12, 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Someone from Hospice will be our speaker. 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!

Sundays Starting 4/27/25  
**11:00**  
SPRING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

HEROES KNEEL BOOK STUDY	11:00 AM
Forge Hall Book written by Alex Foley. Study led by the Foleys & the Zimmermans.	
WE WILL NOT NOT BE SILENCED BOOK STUDY	11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall Book written by Erwin Lutzer. Study led by the Butlers & the McKinstreys.	
SPIRITUAL WARFARE BOOK STUDY	11:00 AM
Dwelling Place Book written by Karl Ivan Payne. Study led by the Johnsons & the Patels.	

REGISTER NOW >

### Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesdays, May 20 & 27, 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

### Operation Christmas Child

OCC continues to bring joy around the world! This year we have received 2 thank you notes from Zambia, Africa. What a blessing! This month we are collecting 'stuffies' to pack in our shoeboxes in November. We strive to put a stuffie in every box, which means gathering over 200! If you crochet/knit, consider using your gift to craft a few small items to donate. Stop by the table in the lobby for ideas on what to shop for, or drop a dollar in the jar and we'll shop for you. Thanks for your generous support of our children in this service project.

### Pella's Annual Tulip Time Worship Service

Join us **Sunday, May 4 at 11 AM** at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. Come hear the inspirational voices of both public & Christian school choirs, and preschool choir along with a time of vibrant praise. You will be blessed by our speaker, Pastor Dave Woodcock of The Well. Be a part of the community of churches here in Pella as we celebrate God's goodness together once again this year!

### Tulip Time Gospel Outreach

Learn to share the Gospel with clarity & confidence. Join us for an unique opportunity to share the gospel and defend your faith in Pella during **Tulip Time, May 1-3**. Speakers this year include Eli Ayala from Revealed Apologetics, Tony Ramsek from Gospel Equip, Dr. Anthony Silvestro from Creation Training Initiative, and Jon Neifert with Tulip Gospel Outreach. They will cover a variety of topics on evangelism and apologetics. To register visit [tulipgospeloutreach.org](http://tulipgospeloutreach.org).

## 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 D-Groups  
11 AM Heroes Kneeling Book Study  
11 AM We Will Not Be Silenced Book Study  
11 AM Spiritual Warfare Book Study
- Monday:** 6:30 PM Care Night
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
- Thursday-Saturday Tulip Time**
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

July 14-18  
(6-8 PM)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### 2025 Consistory (\*Executive Team)

#### Elders

- Harry Ehrlich
- Alex Foley
- Stephen Patel
- Paul Steenhoek
- \*Brad Uitermarkt (Vice President)
- \*JD Welander (Clerk of Consistory)

#### Deacons

- Nick Arkema (Clerk of Deacons)
- \*Verle Boot (Treasurer)
- Lucas Laverman
- \*Gabe Zimmerman (Chair of Deacons/Assistant Treasurer)
- Kyle Zylstra