



## MAY 11, 2025

### INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

*The coming of Jesus the first time, and then the second time.*

### THE FINAL JUDGMENT IS HERE: EXPRESSED IN AGRICULTURAL TERMS

#### THE GRAIN HARVEST [14-16]

*The text announces the bowl judgments in Revelation 16.*

With a harvest, there is a **REAPER**. [14]

- A cloud, a crown, and a sickle.

With a harvest, one needs to rate the **RIPENESS** of the grain. [15]

- The 4<sup>th</sup> angel
- What does “ripe” mean in this passage?

Matthew 13:40

With a harvest, there is the **REAPING**. [16]

#### THE GRAPE HARVEST [17-20]

*The text points to the Battle of Armageddon in Revelation 19.*

With a harvest, there is a **REAPER**. [17]

- The 5<sup>th</sup> angel

With a harvest, one needs to rate the **RIPENESS** of the grapes. [18]

- The 6<sup>th</sup> angel
- What does “ripe” mean in this passage?

With a harvest, there is the **REAPING**. [19-20]

- The winepress

### WHAT DO WE LEARN FOR TODAY?

#### IT'S ABOUT GRACE & JUSTICE

**Grace to choose righteousness.**

1 Corinthians 15:22

**Justice which holds every person accountable.**

1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10



### 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.*



## 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:

- Felipe & Janelle De Waard-Silva who are missionaries in Vulcan, Romania. Pray for the growth of Anchor Church. Pray that the parents of the kids at the climbing gym and other adults in the community would be reached.
- God's nearness to Jeanie Brockway who is dealing with health issues.
- Judy Rumery's sister, Barb Gipple, as she has a serious health condition.
- Lydia Zylstra as she travels to Turkey May 10-20 for a mission trip through Dordt University's AMOR program.

Rejoice:

- Praise God for all the mothers of First Church. Thank you that we can honor and celebrate these special ladies.
- Congratulations & God's Blessings to all the students that are graduating this month.



## HAPPENINGS

### 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.

### Piecemakers

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

### Care Night

Join us for a Care Night on **Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 PM** in the Coffee House. It will be a night of encouragement as we write cards to people in our church.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

July 14-18  
(6-8 PM)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



May 27

Care Night  
6:30 PM

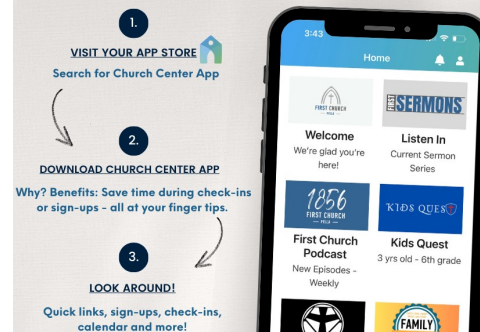
## FIRST CHURCH PICNIC

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!

WOMEN OF THE WORD  
COLOSSIANS 3:16

Did you know?  
FIRST CHURCH HAS AN APP!



## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

TRUMPETS  
7  
REVELATION

## THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for .....

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest  
**Monday:** 1:30 PM EPICS  
**Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect  
 9:30 AM Ruth Circle  
**Wednesday:** 8 AM Hannah Circle  
 6 PM MSM Mosaic  
 6:30 PM GEMS & Families Hiking at Big Rock Park  
 7:30 PM HSM Mosaic  
**Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest  
 11 AM KQ Discipleship  
 11 AM D-Groups  
 11 AM Heroes Kneel Book Study  
 11 AM We Will Not Be Silenced Book Study  
 11 AM Spiritual Warfare Book Study

### 2025 Consistory (\*Executive Team)

#### Elders

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 Alex Foley  
 Stephen Patel  
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