

# **First Christian Reformed Church**

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***Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love***

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First CRC Fulton  
April 14, 2024 - 9:00am  
Our World Belongs To God

## **We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** My Redeemer Lives

**Welcome**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** Pastor Michael

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

## **Worship Through Song:**

The Lord's Prayer - Matt Maher

All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises (PW4)

This Is My Father's World

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Offering**

Offertory: Rejoice in the Lord Always

### **Worship in Song:**

How Great is Our God

Great is Thy Faithfulness

## **We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:** Psalm 24:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;*

*<sup>2</sup>for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.*

Psalm 89:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;*

*with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.*

<sup>2</sup>*I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

Romans 8:31-32

<sup>31</sup>*What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God  
is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his  
own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also,  
along with him, graciously give us all things?*

Hosea 11:1-2;9

<sup>1</sup>*“When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.*

<sup>2</sup>*But the more they were called,  
the more they went away from me.*

*They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.*

<sup>9</sup>*I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.*

*For I am God, and not a man—  
the Holy One among you.*

*I will not come against their cities.*

Acts 2:36-39

<sup>36</sup>*“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made  
this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”*

<sup>37</sup>*When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and  
said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we  
do?”*

<sup>38</sup>*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in  
the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And  
you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for  
you and your children and for all who are far off—for all  
whom the Lord our God will call.”*

**Sermon:** Our World Belongs to God: Pastor Michael  
**Prayer**

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** How Great Thou Art

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**38th Annual WALK FOR LIFE** fundraising event is on Saturday, April 27, 2024 and the theme is **WALK FOR THEM BOTH!** Gather your family & friends and come to The Pregnancy Center office (240 N. Bluff Blvd in Clinton). We will have free refreshments and pro-life gear for sale. Registration begins at 8:15am (bring your completed pledge form) and we walk @ 9am. This year our fundraiser goal is \$40,000. Questions, please call 563-242-6628. Thank you for being a faithful partner in this life-saving ministry for Life and we can't wait to walk with you on the 27th! (If you would rather not walk, but want to donate, Amy Dykstra is collecting donations.)

**Thank you** to those who extended their sympathy to us with flowers, cards and prayers at the time of my father's death. Your kindness has been great source of comfort to us. God bless you all, Marissa Wilkinson and family.

**Thank you** The Family of Ruth Long would like to thank everyone who showed up for the visitation and memorial service. Thank you to Pastor Michael for doing the memorial service and to everyone who donated for the event and to the ladies who helped serve!! It was greatly appreciated!! Joe Long & Beth Long

Claudia Furr , Sister of David Dykstra passed away on April 3rd. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send all bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 7:00pm.

<b>April Birthdays</b>	15 Jessica Sohre
3 Marissa Wilkinson	17 Eric Burns
7 Ray Wiebenga	20 Jeff Zajicek
13 Simon Hooker	29 Michelle Vander Eide
13 Ryan Dykstra	30 Henry Bielema, Jr.

### **April Anniversaries**

11 Tom & Virginia Scidmore    28 Joe & Stacy Stephenson

### **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 4/7/24:

#### **General Fund**

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: **\$629.00**

Short: \$1,422.62

Building Fund: \$408.00

*Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.*

Offerings Today: General Fund & The Pregnancy Center

Offerings 4/21/24: General Fund & Faith Promise

### **CRC News**

April 14, 2024 is Abuse Awareness Sunday in the CRC. The theme for this year's Abuse Awareness Sunday is Safe People. Safe Congregations. Often, when we think of abuse prevention, our minds go to policies and background checks

and hall monitors. While these are all important strategies for abuse prevention, this year we invite people in CRC congregations to reflect on how they might contribute to a safe environment by being a safe person. Learn more and find resources at [crcna.org/ChurchYear](http://crcna.org/ChurchYear)

**Double Your Gift to Support God's Mission** - A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's "Where Most Needed fund," including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more.

### Community News

**Highland Community College** invites all to attend Schubert: Mass in G concert featuring Chamber singers & Orchestra on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, and the Spring Instrumental Music concert on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets on sale now.

**Emmanuel Voices of Praise** present "Back to the Garden," their spring Cantata. This exciting worship celebration will be held at Emmanuel reformed Church, 202 E Morris St, Morrison, IL on Friday, April 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 20 @ 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 21 @ 7:00 p.m. No tickets necessary and the event is handicap accessible.

**UNREAL Tour** is coming to River Church in Clinton, IA on Thursday, April 25, featuring Sanctus Real, Unspoken, and JJ Weeks. General Admission tickets are \$15 in advance! Tickets will go up to \$20 day of the show. We are also offering a VIP meet n greet session with the bands for \$35. Get your tickets before they sell out at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unreal-tour-with-sanctus-real-unspoken-and-special-guest-jj-weeks-tickets-854977068427?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

**Mid-America Reformed Seminary's 2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** registration is now open! Join us October 11-12 at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to hear inspiring plenary speakers on how to reach our neighbors and the nations with the gospel. For more details visit <https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>.

	<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Celia B
Snack Provider	Lori B	Lynda V
Server	Lori B	Carman F

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am