

First CRC Fulton
November 20, 2022

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: The Table

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 136: 1 - 3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

The Solid Rock

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song:

Not I But Christ Through Me
10,000 Reasons

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Sermon: A Thessalonians Thanksgiving

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: The New Doxology
Blessing

Thematic Texts:

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 1:14

The grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 32

Q & A 86

Q. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Jake Ritzema to share God's word with us today.

Pie & Praise- Bethel, Morrison and First will combine for Pie and Praise at First CRC at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd to give thanks with a grateful heart. There is a sign up at the back of the church for pies or desserts.

It's time to start thinking about Poinsettia orders.

Please give orders, payment, how many and any other

info to Michelle Vander Eide. They are \$13 each.
Orders and payment due by Nov 27. Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated blood on Nov. 16!
Including your donations, the Blood Center collected 12
units. This will help save up to 36 lives! There is a need
for all blood types right now, but especially Types O- and
B-. If you are willing and able to donate, please call
1-800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for
your support. – Amy Dykstra

Happy Birthday to Steve B, on November 20 and
Randy A, on November 21.

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

Youth Group

We will have Youth Group this Sunday, November 20 at
First CRC from 5:30-8:00. We will have snacks.
We will have praise and worship, a lesson and a fun
game. Don't forget your Compassion Donation (our YG
sponsors 2 Compassion International Children).
Thank you to everyone who helped with the soup supper.
It was a great night with delicious soup (thank you so
much for your donations). The fundraiser was a great
success with profiting \$2,500.00.

Our YG will be going to SERVE in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, this summer, July 29 - August 5, 2023. SERVE is a week-long mission trip sponsored by Thereforego Ministries. We have 12 youth spots available this year. If you would like to go with us please bring your \$50.00 registration fee to YG this week (make checks payable to Gateway Youth Group). The cost of SERVE is \$400 per person. You will not have to pay the full price, we ask that family's pay 1/3, your home church sponsors you for 1/3 (I have a letter you can bring to your church council), and Youth Group will pay 1/3 of the cost. This averages out to \$133.00 for the trip. Once you pay your registration fee your family total will be \$83.00, due in March. There are scholarships available if needed. If you have any questions please let us know.

Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table. 11/13/22

Budget: \$1,925.52

Received: \$2,334.00

over: \$408.48

Unity Boosters: \$249.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Faith Promise

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Rapid Rehousing (YWCA)

Community News

Thank You for letting us use your church for our car wash! Unity Christian School

Volunteers Needed for Live Nativity - A live nativity scene is being organized as part of the Fulton Christmas Walk on Friday, December 2 from 5-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to portray the characters of the Holy Nativity. Each volunteer will be asked to take part in the scene for 30 minutes. The stable with a small petting zoo will be located near de Immigrant windmill and windmill Cultural Center at the corner of 1st Street and 10th Avenue. Costumes, music and background props will be provided. Volunteers may be adults or youth, individuals, families or groups. Take this wonderful opportunity to usher in the Christmas season sharing this true message with our community and visitors. All interested volunteers, please contact Jude at 563-249-6115 for details and schedule.

Unity Activities - It is hard to believe that we are already into our second quarter of the school year! Our next sport's season is in full swing, and Christmas concerts are on the horizon!

I want to take this time to invite your church family to our upcoming games and concerts. Please feel free to share these dates!

-Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22 -
Our High School Boys' Basketball team hosts their
holiday tournament beginning at 6:00pm both nights.

-Monday, November 28 - Junior High Boys' Basketball
vs Quad Cities Christian at 4:30pm

-Tuesday, November 29 - High School Girls' and Boys'
Basketball vs Morningstar Academy beginning at
5:00pm

-Tuesday, December 6 - High School Girls' and Boys'
Basketball vs Quad Cities Christian beginning at 5:00pm

-Friday, December 9 - High School Girls' Basketball vs
Galesburg Christian at 5:00pm and High School Boys'
Basketball vs Pathway Christian at 6:30pm

-Tuesday, December 13 - Junior High Boys' Basketball
vs Morningstar Academy at 4:30pm

-Thursday, December 15 - K-6th Christmas Musical at
6:30pm

-Friday, December 16 - 7th-12th Christmas Concert at
6:30pm

-Monday, December 19 - Preschool Christmas Program
at 6:30pm

We are also excited about some upcoming opportunities, but we need to fill some positions. If you would be willing to post these openings, we would greatly appreciate it:

For the current school year - Spring Drama Production Director

And, we are excited that due to our increasing enrollment, for the 2023-2024 school year we know we will need to hire additional faculty! - One full-time elementary teacher and one full-time secondary teacher

Thank you for the many prayers for our new year. We have been blessed with new families, new faculty and staff, and an opportunity to continue Kingdom work. We pray for blessings in your church and that we all shine ever so brightly for Christ!

For HIS Glory, Jessica Hollewell

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 20	Sunday Worship Youth Group	9:00 am 5:30 pm
Tuesday, November 22	GEMS & Cadets @ Bethel	6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Pie & Praise	6:00 pm

Sunday, November 27	First Sunday of Advent	
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	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Amy D	Alida H
Snack Provider	Lynda V	Amy D
Server	Stacy S	Amy D

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