

First CRC Fulton
November. 28, 2021
Advent Week 1 - Come Home For Christmas
Revelation 12:1-12
The Word of Their Testimony
Bulletin/Leader

Prelude: Revelation Song
Welcome and Call To Worship
Greeting - Pastor John

Invitation to Worship through Song:
Angels we have heard on High
I see the Lord
How Great Thou Art

Advent Reading: Rollie and Lynda V.

Congregational Prayer: Celia B.

Worship through Song:
Yet Not I But Through Christ
Angels from the Realms of Glory
O Lord Most High

Children's Message: Abby B.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Revelation 12:1-12

¹A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵She gave birth to a son, a male

child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. ⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.

¹¹They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

Message: The Word of Their Testimony - Pastor John Byker
Prayer

We Depart with God’s Blessing

Announcements -

Parting Song: Now Unto the King Eternal

Blessing: Pastor John

Church News

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound:

Dorothy B	Carroll E	Mark S
Ken B	John S	Bernie V
Jeanette B	Betty S	Albert W

Congratulations to Harlan T. on celebrating his 84th birthday on November 28th and to Genevieve T. on celebrating her 83rd birthday on December 1st.

Arnie & Joyce T. recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed to have these many years together. If anyone would like to send a card, their address is 6761 City View Drive, Hudsonville, MI. 49426.

Elder and Deacon Nomination Letters have gone out. We will be praying for those who have been nominated to listen to how God may be calling them to respond. There are 2 Elder and 2 Deacon roles to fill for 2022.

Christmas Eve Service - We are planning our Christmas Eve Service at First CRC on December 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Deacons' News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.
Offering received 11/21/21

Amount budgeted per week: \$1,827.82
Amount received: \$1,541.00
Amount short: \$ 286.82
Faith Promise: \$95.25
Offerings today: General Fund-Evangelism
Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Building Fund

Youth Group

Youth Group - We will not have Youth Group this Sunday, November 28. Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 5. We will meet at First CRC at 5:30 then walk to Crossview Church

for the Stephen Stanley/Lily Leding Concert. The concert will probably go until 9:30/10:00. We will have our Christmas Party and Caroling on December 19.

We decided to participate in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive the Fulton PD is hosting for our mission outreach. The toy drive will take place on Saturday, December 4 at First CRC parking lot. You can bring your toy donation to the toy drive on Saturday or drop it off at the Unity Preschool by Friday, December 3 and I will bring them to the toy drive. Let's be a blessing to the kids this Christmas.

Community News

Fulton Police Department will be having our first ever Toy Drive on Saturday, December 4, 2021 between 8am-4pm in the parking lot of the First Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to fill at least one squad car if not more. Please come join us in helping to give back to the community. We hope to see you all there!

Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, welcomes The McCloskeys on Sunday December 5th at 6:00 PM. Riley Horton will do a prelude of Christmas songs prior to the concert. Please join us for an evening of Music and Ministry. A free will offering will be taken. Coffee and cookies will be served after the concert.

Volunteers Needed for Live Nativity

A live nativity scene is being organized as part of the annual Fulton Christmas Walk on Friday, December 3 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. 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 location of the live nativity is the northeast lawn of the old Drives Bldg across the street from the de Immigrant windmill. Costumes, music, and background props will be provided. Volunteers may be adults or youth, individuals, families, or groups. Participants of all ages may have this wonderful opportunity to usher in the Christmas season sharing this true message with the members of our community and visitors. Come join us. All interested volunteers, please contact Jude Holesinger 563-249-6115 for details.

Christmas Dinner - On Christmas Day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Volunteers will be hosting the 37th Christmas Dinner. The location is the Fulton Fire Station on Hwy. 84 in Fulton. This is a donation only dinner. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you cannot afford to donate, please do come anyway. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings.

What we need now are, Volunteers and Bakery Angels to make it possible.

If you are handicapped, or do not have any transportation and are alone, just call 815 589-3030 on Christmas Day to have a dinner delivered.

Desserts can be dropped off on the 24th between 10 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or Christmas morning, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. God Bless!!!! To volunteer, please call David or Barb Frantz 319-631-2358, or 563-357-0461.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 28	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 4	Police Department Toy Drive in 1st CRC Parking Lot	8am-4pm

Today Next Sunday

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Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Michelle	Audrey A
Snack Provider	Angie V	Maxine V
Server	Angie V	Joan J
Children's Message	Abby B	Lynda V

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