

First CRC Fulton  
November 27, 2022  
Advent 2022  
God With Us - Exiled from the Garden

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** The Table

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**God's Greeting**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Jesus Messiah

You Are Holy

Be Unto Your Name

**Advent Reading and Lighting of the First Candle:**

Roland and Celia B.

**Congregational Prayer**

**Worship in Song:**

Emmanuel

God Himself is with us

# Advent Program Scene 1 - God With Us, Exiled from the Garden

## We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Genesis 3:14-24

*<sup>14</sup>So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,*

*"Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!*

*You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.*

*<sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."*

*<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,  
"I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will give birth to children.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you."*

*<sup>17</sup>To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit  
from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat  
from it,'*

*"Cursed is the ground because of you;  
through painful toil you will eat food from it  
all the days of your life.*

*<sup>18</sup>It will produce thorns and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants of the field.*

*<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your brow*

*you will eat your food  
until you return to the ground,  
since from it you were taken;  
for dust you are  
and to dust you will return.”*

*<sup>20</sup>Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.*

*<sup>21</sup>The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup>And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” <sup>23</sup>So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup>After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.*

**Isaiah 7:14**

*<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

**Micah 5:2-3**

*<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”*

*<sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.*

**Sermon:** God With Us, Exiled from the Garden - Pastor Michael  
Prayer

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

Parting Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

**Announcements**

**December 11 Congregational Meeting:** The annual congregational meeting will be held December 11 following the worship service. The 2023 Budget will be presented for approval and new Council members will be elected as follows. For the office of Elder, one to be elected from these nominees; Brenda Atherton, Bruce Bielema, and Roger Dykstra. For the office of Deacon, one to be elected from these nominees; Jon Breidenbach and Amy Dykstra. Stacy Stephenson is the outgoing Elder while the Deacon election is to fill a vacancy. We thank the nominees for their willingness to serve.

**Happy Birthday** to Harlan T on November 28th and Pat H, on November 21.

**Coat Giveaway** - Over 100 coats were given away along with snow pants, scarves, and gloves at the Coat Giveaway days on November 5 & 12 at First CRC. Also, 2 Fulton police officers dropped off 2 turkeys to be given

away to 2 families. Thank you to those that donated coats and helped in any way, it was a very successful collection of coats and giveaway.

**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

### Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table. 11/20/22

Budget: \$1,925.52

Received: \$436.00

short: \$1,489.52

Faith Promise: \$51.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Rapid Rehousing (YWCA)

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Building Fund

### Community News

**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.

**Voices of Praise** - Please join us for Majesty! - A Christmas Worship Experience for all ages at Emmanuel Church-202 E. Morris St. Morrison, IL. on December 16 & 18 at 7pm and on December 17 at 3pm.

**Unity Activities** - 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 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

Needed 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

### **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, November 27	Sunday Worship 1st Sunday in Advent	9:00 am
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**Today****Next Sunday**

Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Alida H	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Amy D	Lori B
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