

# **First Christian Reformed Church**

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

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First CRC Fulton  
April 28, 2024 - 9:00am  
Our World Belongs To God: Fall and Redemption

## **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:**

His Mercy is More

Good Good Father

10000 Reasons

## **Congregational Prayer**

## **Offering**

## **Worship in Song:**

Redeemed

Not What these hands have done

He Touched me

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

**Scripture:** Romans 3:22b-23 NIV

*<sup>22b</sup>There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

*<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that*

*is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Text from Our World Belongs to God: Fall 13, 14 16, 17  
Redemption 18, 20, 21 (Grey Psalter 1023-1025)

**Sermon:** Our World Belongs to God: Fall and Redemption  
- Pastor Michael

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Amazing Grace my chains are gone

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**Praise Team** will meet after the service today.

**Blood Drive:** First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 22 from 3 – 5:30 p.m. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types O+ and O-. To make an appointment, contact Amy

Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or go online to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) and use Group Code 2371. Last date to donate was 3/27/24

### **Notes from the April 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:**

1. Approved the membership transfer of Seth Bradley, Janelle Bradley, and the baptism record transfer of Cole Bradley from Spring Valley Reformed Church. Welcome!
2. Reviewed the updated building replacement preliminary estimates. Council members committed to praying for God's discernment in the matter and will meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss in more detail.
3. The Building Committee contacted American Church Group Insurance for an estimate, but they were not competitive with our current provider, Church Mutual.
4. Due to scheduling conflicts, our next Potluck luncheon was moved to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be served as normally scheduled on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Building Committee reports the purchase of a new clothes dryer (\$700) and refrigerator (\$2,300) to replace failed appliances in the parsonage.

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

**Please** do not add the church email address to mailing lists or subscriptions. The inbox is being flooded with unnecessary emails that are not relevant to our congregation.

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at [\*\*mhooke01@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com).

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

**April Birthdays**

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

**April Anniversaries**

11 Tom & Virginia Scidmore    28 Joe & Stacy Stephenson

**May Birthdays**

1 Brad Behrens	9 Jonas Atherton
4 Jeriann Medenblik	13 Donald Huizenga
5 Doug Smith	17 Sam Dykstra
7 Branden Russell	21 Ronda Phillips
8 Berend Hooker	25 Joe Stephenson
	25 Joan Jackson

**May Anniversaries**

18 Doug & Annie Smith                      22 Troy & Brenda Bousman

**Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 4/21/24:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Faith Promise: \$146.00

Received: \$860.00

Short: \$191.62

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 4/28/24: General Fund & Building Fund

**CRC News**

**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

#### **Discovery Center**

Mon. 4/29 -- Pizza Hut Fundraiser

Sat. 6/15 -- Felix Adler Day

**Highland Community College** invites all to attend the Spring Instrumental Music concert on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets on sale now.

**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 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Sara B	Amy D
Snack Provider	Ruby D	Virginia S
Server	Lynell B	Virginia S

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Monday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Council meeting	6:00 pm