

First CRC Fulton

December 18, 2022

Advent 2022

God With Us - Restored in Jesus

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Joy to the World

Angels from the Realms of Glory

King of Kings

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Second Candle:

Atherton Family

Congregational Prayer

**Advent Program Scene 4 - God With Us, Restored in
Jesus**

Worship in Song:

God Himself is with Us

Come, Thou Font

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Luke 2:1-20 - *The Birth of Jesus*

¹*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.)*

³*And everyone went to their own town to register.*

⁴*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*

⁶*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

⁸*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

¹³*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

¹⁴*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

¹⁵*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

¹⁶*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and*

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Sermon: God With Us, Restored in Jesus -Pastor Michael
Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: There's Something About That Name

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

The beautiful Poinsettias are in Memory of:

Merle & Carol Bielema from the family

Brad Lown from Bruce & Lori Bielema & family

Sebert & Phyllis Dykstra from the family

Angela McGinty from the family

Sid & Myrna Dykstra from Paul & Sheila Thompson

Roger Simon & Jake & Florence Balk from Bonnie Simon

Ken Balk & Stephanie Balk from Audrey Balk & family

Elmer & Alberta Vander Eide from the family

Paul & Wilma Ottens & Janet Mathey from the family

Kay B has retired from Church secretary, as of Thursday, December 8, 2023. We would like to send out a warm, heartfelt thank you for the many years of dedicated service. We appreciate all you have done for us!

Marissa W will be interim secretary and can be reached at FirstCRCFulton@live.com. If you are interested in the open position, please see Pastor Michael or Stacy S.

Church Potluck will be on Sunday, January 1 after the service. We will be having soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

To Fulton First CRC,

We can't begin to say thanks enough for the outpouring of cards and letters and gifts for Pastor Appreciation month. We feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation and to serve here. You are an incredibly gracious and supporting church. Thank you so much for making myself and our family feel so loved and supported. In Christ, Pastor Michael and Alida

December Birthdays

1 Collin B	21 Sheila T
5 Kelly D	27 Paige V
6 Rollie V	28 Matt S
9 Brenda H	30 Stacy S
18 Brenda A	31 Ben S

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.

	<u>12/11/22</u>
Budget:	\$1,925.52
Received:	<u>\$ 1622.00</u>
short:	\$303.52

Benevolence Fund: \$91.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - Faith Promise

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund - TBD

Youth Group

We will have our Youth Group Christmas party today, December 18, 2022. We will have pizza and snacks. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10-15 wrapped gift.

Community News

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center will have their Final Visit with Santa is **today 2 - 4 pm.** Bring your camera for beautiful Christmas photos and plan to do some holiday crafting.

They will also have their 10th Annual Family New Year's Eve Party on December 31st, 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 18 th	Sunday Worship 4th Sunday in Advent Youth Group	9:00 am
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Today

Next Sunday

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Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Lynelle B	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Brenda A	Angie V
Server	Carman F	Angie V

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