

First CRC Fulton
December 5, 2021
Advent Week 2 - Come Home For Christmas
Malachi 3:1-4
The Fear of Home
Bulletin/Leader

Prelude: Matthew West - We Need Christmas

Welcome and Call To Worship

Greeting - Pastor Michael

Invitation to Worship through Song:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Joy to the World

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent Reading: Stephenson Family

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Worship through Song:

What Child is This

The Glorious Gates of Righteousness

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children's Message: Lynell B.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Malachi 3:1-4

¹“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Message: The Fear of Home - Pastor Michael Hooker
Prayer

We Depart with God’s Blessing

Announcements -

Parting Song: You are Holy

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Church News

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

Dorothy B
Ken B
Jeanette B

Carroll E
John S
Betty S

Mark S
Bernie V
Albert W

Thank you - Pastor Michael and Alida would like to say thanks to the congregation for all the cards from October's Pastor Appreciation month. We feel very encouraged and thankful to be at First and serve here. Thanks so much for making us feel so loved and appreciated.

Elder and Deacon nominations are in. There are 2 Elder and 2 Deacon openings for 2022. The Deacon nominations are: Audrey Atherton and Alida Hooker. The Elder nominations are: Brenda Atherton and Paul Thompson. Please prayerfully consider these nominees as we prepare for the congregational vote and meeting on Dec. 12.

Congregational Meeting is planned for Dec. 12, directly following the service.

Preparatory Sunday-As we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Communion next Sunday morning. Let

us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

Poinsettia orders need to be given to Lori Bielema by Friday December 10 at noon. You may call Lori or place a note in her church mailbox. The cost is \$10.00. Please include who they are in memory of, and who they are from.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Iola Newendyke, former member of First CRC. She passed away November 27th. We pray for peace and comfort for the family.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Unity students, families, and staff at the passing away of Barb Wright. She was the Administrative Assistant at Unity for over 40 years. Her love and commitment to Unity was so enduring and she will be greatly missed.

Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

Offering received 11/28/21

Amount budgeted per week: \$1,827.82

Amount received: \$1,584.81

Amount short: \$ 243.01

Evangelism: \$115.00

Offerings today: General Fund-Building Fund

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Benevolence

Youth Group

Youth Group - We will meet this Sunday, December 5 at First CRC from 5:30-? We will walk to CrossView Church for the Stephen Stanley Concert.

Thank you all for blessing the area kids with your toy donations for Toys for Tots

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 19 at First CRC, we will have our Christmas Party and go caroling to a few houses.

Community News

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.

Voices of Praise - The Carols of Christmas will be presented at Emmanuel Reformed Church-202 E. Morris in Morrison, IL. on Friday December 17 at 7 p.m., Saturday December 18 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 19 at 7pm.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 5	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 12	Congregational Meeting	Following the service

Today

Next Sunday

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Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Audrey A	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Maxine V	Gayle D
Server	Joan J	Roger D
Children's Message	Lynda V	Sara B

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