

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
April 21, 2024 - 9:00am
Our World Belongs To God: Creation

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:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

For The Beauty of the Earth

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: At Your Name

Worship in Song:

All Creatures of Our God and King

O How Good It Is

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

*²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

James 1:22;27

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Sermon: Our World Belongs to God: Creation - Pastor Michael
Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: Great Are You Lord

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

Food Pantry This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Shampoo and toothpaste.

Thank you for all your calls, cards, and prayers before & after my recent surgery. Special thanks to those who visited me in the hospital and since returning home. Thanks again for your love, care & support. God bless you all! - Roger & Gayle Dykstra

Praise Team will meet after the service on April 28th.

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 and use Group Code 2371. Last date to donate was 3/27/24

38th Annual WALK FOR LIFE fundraising event is on Saturday, April 27, 2024 and the theme is WALK FOR THEM BOTH! Gather your family & friends and come to The Pregnancy Center office (240 N. Bluff Blvd in Clinton). We will have free refreshments and pro-life gear for sale. Registration begins at 8:15am (bring your completed pledge form) and we walk @ 9am. This year our fundraiser goal is \$40,000. Questions, please call 563-242-6628. Thank you for being a faithful partner in this life-saving ministry for Life and we can't wait to walk with you on the 27th! (If you would like to donate, and not walk, Amy D is collecting donations.)

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.

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

April Birthdays

3 Marissa Wilkinson

7 Ray Wiebenga

13 Simon Hooker

13 Ryan Dykstra

15 Jessica Sohre

17 Eric Burns

20 Jeff Zajicek

29 Michelle Vander Eide

30 Henry Bielema, Jr.

April Anniversaries

11 Tom & Virginia Scidmore 28 Joe & Stacy Stephenson

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 4/14/24:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$2,238.00

Over: \$186.38

Pregnancy Center: \$140.00

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 4/28/24: General Fund & UCSB

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 to find out more.

Community News

Emmanuel Voices of Praise present “Back to the Garden,” their spring Cantata. This exciting worship celebration will be held at Emmanuel reformed Church, 202 E Morris St, Morrison, IL on tonight @ 7:00 p.m. No tickets necessary and the event is handicap accessible.

UNREAL Tour is coming to River Church in Clinton, IA on Thursday, April 25, featuring Sanctus Real, Unspoken, and JJ Weeks. General Admission tickets are \$15 in advance! Tickets will go up to \$20 day of the show. We are also offering a VIP meet n greet session with the bands for \$35. Get your tickets before they sell out at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unreal-tour-with-sanctus-real-unspoken-and-special-guest-jj-weeks-tickets-854977068427?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

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 3rd 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>.

	April 21st	April 28th
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Celia B	Sara B
Snack Provider	Lynda V	Ruby D
Server	Carman F / Stacy	Lynell B

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm
Thursday	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm