

First CRC Fulton
December 4, 2022
Advent 2022
God With Us - Restored from Egypt

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Angels We Have Heard on High

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

What Child is This

Congregational Prayer

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Second Candle:

Stephenson Family

**Advent Program Scene 1 - God With Us, Restored
from Egypt**

Worship in Song:

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear -The First Noel

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Exodus 12:1-13;29-32

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's
Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

²⁹At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

³¹During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. ³²Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

Luke 2:8-15

⁸And 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.”

¹³Suddenly 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.”

¹⁵When 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.”

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.*

Sermon: God With Us, Restored from Egypt - Pastor
Michael

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Jesus, Name Above All Names

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.

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

A former member of First CRC Allen Wassenaar, passed away on Thanksgiving day and his funeral service will be on December 9 in Denver, Colorado. Prayers for the family.

Sympathy is extended to Jon & Lynell B at the loss of Jon's mother and to the D family at the loss of Todd D. May God's grace and love surround you through this difficult time.

December Birthdays

1 Collin B

5 Kelly D

6 Rollie V
9 Brenda H

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. 11/27/22

Budget: \$1,925.52
Received: \$1,613.00
short: \$312.52

Rapid Rehousing (YWCA) \$82.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Building Fund

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Benevolence

Youth Group

We will have Youth Group this Sunday, December 4, 2022, at First CRC from 5:30-8:00. Dress warm, we will be Christmas Caroling. We will have potato soup and hot chocolate.

We have 6 out of our 12 spots reserved for SERVE 2022. Our YG will be going to SERVE in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, this summer, July 29 - August 5, 2023. SERVE is a week long mission trip sponsored by

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Celia B
Snack Provider	Lori B	Virginia S
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