

**First CRC Fulton**  
December 25, 2022  
Christmas Day 2022  
Emmanuel - God With Us

**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:**

O Come All Ye Faithful (v 1, 2, 3)

Go Tell it on the Mountain (v 1, 3)

The First Noel (v 1,2)

**Advent Reading & Lighting of Candles:** Burns Family

**Worship Through Song:**

There's Something about that Name

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

**Worship Through Song:**

Away in a Manger

# Congregational Prayer

## Reading:

## Worship Through Song:

The Birthday of a King

Silent Night (v 1, 3)

## We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

John 1:1-18

*<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

*<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural*

*descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

*<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*<sup>15</sup>(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*

**Sermon:** Emmanuel - God With Us - Pastor Michael  
**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

Parting Song: O Holy Night

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

## Announcements

If anyone would like to send a sympathy card or note to Todd D's daughter, her address is on the table at the back of the church or email [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com).

### *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](mailto: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.

**Mark S** would like the congregation to know that he has received good news from the doctor.

## **December Birthdays**

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

**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>\$ 913.00</u>
short:	\$1012.52

Faith Promise: \$185.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - The Pregnancy Center

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund - Building Fund

## **Community News**

**Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center** will have their 10th Annual Family New Year's Eve Party on December 31st, 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship Christmas Day	9:00 am
-----------------------------------	---------------------------------	---------

### Today

### Next Sunday

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Amy D
Snack Provider	Angie V	Maxine V
Server	Angie V	Joan J

Pastor Michael Hooker-Email: [mhooke01@gmail.com](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com)

Church Email: [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com)

Office: 815-589-3790

Website: [www.FultonFirstCRC.com](http://www.FultonFirstCRC.com)

Facebook: Fulton 1st Christian Reformed Church