

# **First CRC Fulton**

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Living Out Our Faith, Wisdom, & Gifts from God

## **We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** James 1:2-5 - The Corner Room

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**God's Greeting**

**Mutual Greeting**

## **Worship Through Song:**

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Yet Not I, But Christ in me

## **Installation of New Elder and Deacon**

## **Congregational Prayer**

**Reading:** Based on Psalm 66 & 103

Leader: The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: If we had cherished iniquity in our hearts, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened;**

Leader: he has given heed to the words of our prayers.

**People: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

**Worship in Song:**

No Longer Slaves

In Doubt and Temptation

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:** James 1:2-8

*<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup>But*

*when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.*

**Sermon:** Living Out Our Faith, Trials and Temptations -

Pastor Michael

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

Parting Song: His Mercy is More

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**To our church family:** Thank you for all of the cards, thoughts & prayers, and concerns surrounding Jon's mother (Debbie) passing. Your support is much appreciated. -The Breidenbach Family

**Please use your gifts** to serve our Church as snack providers, servers, Nursery attendant, or sound system helper. There is a sign up on the back table. We will also be signing up for committees soon, too.

**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).

**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.

**Congratulations!** We extend our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Roland and Celia Behrens who are celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on January 15<sup>th</sup>! We thank God for the health and strength he has given to each of you to enable you to be together for this many years!

### **January Birthdays**

1	Audrey Atherton	12	Gloria Wiebenga
1	Angie Vander Eide	15	Bodey Stephenson
4	Joe Vander Eide	21	Fred Phillips
4	Jean Medenblik	24	Leanna Schipper
6	Jamie Wiebenga	24	Joshua Wiebenga
10	Jaron Lutz		

**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

### **Youth Group**

We will have Youth Group this Sunday, January 8, 2023. Bring a friend or two. We will have snacks.

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 Thereforego Ministries. We have 6 youth spots available, 6 spots have already been reserved. If you would like to go with us please bring your \$50.00 registration fee to YG this week (make checks payable to Gateway Youth Group). The cost of SERVE is \$400 per person. You will not have to pay the full price, we ask that family's pay 1/3, your home church sponsors you for 1/3 (I have a letter you can bring to your church council), and Youth Group will pay 1/3 of the cost. This averages out to \$133.00 for the trip. Once you pay your registration fee your family total will be \$83.00, due in March. There are scholarships available if needed. If you have any questions please let us know.

### **Deacons News**

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

	<u>1/1/22</u>
Budget:	\$1,925.52
Received:	<u>\$ 3322.00</u>
Over:	\$827.00

Building Fund: \$130.25

Offerings Today: General Fund - UCSB

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund - Faith Promise

## Community News

**Iron Sharpens Iron**, one-day men's conference, hosted by Focal Point Ministries, will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The keynote speakers will be Joe Martin and Stephen Kendrick. You can visit [FocalPointMinistries.net](http://FocalPointMinistries.net) for more information.

**Iron Sharpens Iron**, one-day women's conference, hosted by Focal Point Ministries, will be Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The keynote speakers will be Erin Campbell and Rosalinda Rivera. You can visit [FocalPointMinistries.net](http://FocalPointMinistries.net) for more information.

The **Fulton Township** has a medical lending program through which they provide medical equipment to Fulton Township residents, at no cost. They currently have lift chairs, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, and elevated toilet seats, if you know of anybody in need. They greatly appreciate donations and are in need of lift chairs, walkers with seats and brakes, knee scooters, and motorized power chairs and scooters.

**Fulton Township** is in need of student summer cemetery help, which does require the use of hand mowers to mow the hillsides of the cemetery. Students must be 16 years of age, and the wage is \$13.00 per hour. Interested students should call Mark VanderVinne at 815-631-7859.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 8th	Sunday Worship Youth Group GEMS Cadets	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm
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	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	David
Nursery Attendant	Alida H	Stacy
Snack Provider	Gayle D	Brenda
Server	Roger D	Elders

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