

First CRC Fulton
Nov. 14, 2021
Psalm 51:7-17
Purifying Worship
Bulletin/Leader

Prelude: Grace Came Running - 10,000 Fathers

Welcome and Call To Worship - Pastor Michael

Greeting - Pastor Michael

Invitation to Worship through Song:

Refiners Fire

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Change My Heart O God

Reading (from 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22; Psalm 139:23-24):

Leader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

All: And that is what we are!

Leader: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

All: But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Leader: Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. This is how we know what love is:

All: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Leader: If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother or sister in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words, but with actions and in truth.

All: This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence whenever our hearts condemn us.

Leader: For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.

All: Search me, O God, and know my hearts; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Worship through Song:

He Knows My Name

Holy Ground

Gracious God, My Heart Renew

Children's Message: Joan

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Psalm 51:7-17

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

Message: Purifying Worship - Pastor Michael
Prayer

We Depart with God's Blessing

Announcements -

Parting Song: How Great is Our God

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Church News

Sympathy is extended to Bernie Vogel and family at the loss of his daughter, Jill Vogel-Tague. The funeral arrangements are pending.

We pray for God's comfort and peace to be with the family during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Jim & Linda Dykstra on celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary today, November 14th.

Congratulations to Carl Vander Eide who will celebrate his special birthday on November 15th.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are home bound:

Dorothy B

Carroll E

Mark S

Ken B

John S

Bernie V

Jeanette B

Betty S

Albert W

Elders and Deacons - There is a voting box in the back of the sanctuary for nominations for Elders and Deacons

for today. Bruce B, Joe V, and Amy D. are not eligible for nominations.

Pie & Praise will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Deacons' News

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

Offering received 10/31/21

Amount budgeted per week:	\$1,827.82
Amount received:	<u>\$1,674.00</u>
Amount short:	\$ 153.82

Building Fund: \$192.11

Offerings today: General Fund-Unity Christian School Boosters

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Faith Promise

Youth Group

We will not have Youth Group this Sunday, November 14, our next meeting will be Sunday, November 21.

We had a great turn out for the soup supper. We had plenty of soup and have leftovers for sale after church this Sunday. We made over \$2,200 in donations, thank you to everyone who donated soup, desserts and your time, our team did an awesome job filling orders, taking

care of our guests, serving soup and cleaning up. A BIG thank you to all of you!

We will be traveling to Cadillac, MI for SERVE 2022, July 30 - August 6 ... Save the date!

We would like to do something this holiday season for mission outreach. We will decide on November 21 :)

Have a wonderful week!

Community News

Laurie Pessman Ybema, daughter of Arlyn & Jane Pessman-

A gathering is planned to commemorate the life of Laurie Pessman Ybema who died on September 29th in Hopkins, Michigan. Her husband Marty, daughters, Adrianna, Karrie, Jonalyn, Grace and Lizzie and families along with parents Arlyn & Jane Pessman, sisters Brenda & Al Schaver and Sally & Tom Byrnes want to greet friends and family in the town she grew up in to say thank you to those who supported them during her cancer fight. There will be an Open House Sunday, November 14 from 1-3 pm at the Morrison Christian Reformed Church at 300 W. South St. Morrison, Illinois. Please come and meet her family.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting their semi-annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 17th from 3:30-6p.m. Masks and appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, please contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or go online to www.bloodcenter.org

use group code #2371. Last date to donate elsewhere was 9/22/21. Thank you for saving lives!

Fulton Police Department - We are having our first ever Toy Drive on Saturday, December 4, 2021 between 8am-4pm in the parking lot of the First Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to fill at least one squad car if not more. Please come join us in helping to give back to the community. We hope to see you all there!

Volunteers Needed for Live Nativity

A live nativity scene is being organized as part of the annual Fulton Christmas Walk on Friday, December 3 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to portray the characters of the holy nativity. Each volunteer will be asked to take part in the scene for 30 minutes. The location of the live nativity is the northeast lawn of the old Drives Bldg across the street from the de Immigrant windmill. Costumes, music, and background props will be provided. Volunteers may be adults or youth, individuals, families, or groups. Participants of all ages may have this wonderful opportunity to usher in the Christmas season sharing this true message with the members of our community and visitors. Come join us. All interested volunteers, please contact Jude Holesinger 563-249-6115 for details.

Christmas Dinner - On Christmas Day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. We will be hosting the 37th Christmas Dinner. The location is the Fulton Fire Station on Hwy. 84 in Fulton.

This is a Donation only dinner. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you cannot afford to donate, please do come anyway. Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings.

What we need now are, Volunteers and Bakery Angels to make it possible.

Each year so many wonderful workers just show up and start working. Since we did not have a dinner last year, I am hoping that happens again this year.

If you are handicapped, or do not have any transportation and are alone, just call, 815 589-3030 on Christmas Day to have a dinner delivered.

Desserts can be dropped off on the 24th between 10 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or Christmas morning, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. God Bless!!!! To volunteer, please call David or Barb Frantz 319-631-2358, or 563-357-0461.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 14	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 16	Elders' Meeting Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Sara B	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Lori B	Virginia S
Server	Lori B	Virginia S
Children's Message	Joan	

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