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

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First CRC Fulton

November 23rd, 2025 - 9:00am

“Thank You, Thank You, Thank You,
Lord God Almighty and Jesus Christ”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianists

Welcome: Bruce B.

Announcements: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: Bruce B.

Leader: Come, all who have known the touch of God’s mercy.

All: We come to lift our voices in thanks and praise.

Leader: Once we stood at a distance, longing for healing.

All: Now we draw near, made whole by His grace.

Leader: Jesus has heard our cry, restored our lives, and
welcomed us in.

All: With grateful hearts, we worship the One who saves.

Let us rise in joy, for Christ has made us new!

God’s Greeting: Pastor Lain

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Gratitude

Congregational Prayer: Bruce B.

Offering: General Fund & UCSB

Offertory:

Worship Through Song:

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

To God Be the Glory

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *“¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

Psalms 100:4 – *“⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”*

Luke 17:11-19 – *“¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”*

Sermon: "Thank You Thank You Thank You Lord God Almighty and Jesus Christ" - Pastor Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Lain

Parting Song: Thank You Lord

Announcements

Today we welcome Lain VanderMyde. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Food Pantry - This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Corn, Peas, green beans, and/or instant potatoes.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday December 7, 2025 following the morning worship service. Please check your mailboxes for copies of meeting agenda and the 2026 Budget Proposal.

Poinsettias will be \$10.00 each and the deadline to order is November 30: Please include who the poinsettia is in memory of and who it is from and give the order and payment to Lori or place it in her mailbox.

Thanksgiving Eve: First Reformed Church congregation will be joining us on November 26th at 6:00pm. We will have a brief service led by Ken Renkes followed by light refreshments.

Christmas Eve Service will be led by Pastor Jake Ritzema at 6:00pm on December 24th at 1st CRC.

Please send prayer requests or updates to Bruce at
bjbielema@gmail.com.

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

November Birthdays

9 Jim Dykstra	14 Roger Laborn
10 Edith Schaver	16 Elijah James
13 Hadley Collins	20 Steve Bielema
14 Jon Breidenbach	21 Randy Atherton
14 Roger Dykstra	25 Barb Mathey

November Anniversaries

5 Paul & Sheila Thompson	14 Jim & Linda Dykstra
15 Joe & Beth Caven	

Deacons' News

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 11/30/25: General Fund & General Fund

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

Offerings Received 11/16/25:

Faith Promise: \$175.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Received: \$4,529.00

Over: \$2,349.00

CRC News

You Can Help End Hunger this Giving Tuesday - This Giving Tuesday, you can help families in Sudan and South Sudan who are facing a hunger crisis. World Renew is providing emergency food assistance through trusted local partners, but the need is greater than ever. With your support on Giving Tuesday (and thanks to a \$1 million challenge gift), we can provide more food and share hope in Christ amid this crisis. Learn more and give generously on December 2 at worldrenew.net/givingtuesday

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – International Caregivers Day - Caregivers know what it's like to live out Philippians 2:3–4: "In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." How can you support the caregivers in your church or community? Could you offer a break to someone caring for an aging family member or a family member with a disability? If you are a caregiver, think of one tangible way to ask for help this week from someone who can support you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM EST. World Renew's 2025 theme, "Advocates of Dignity and Hope" calls us to remember, reflect, pray, and share stories of dignity and hope. Together, we will commit to ending

gender-based violence for all people to flourish. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

Community News

Voices of Praise Christmas Cantata 2025 will be held at Emmanuel Church, 202 E Morris St, Morrison, IL, on Friday, December 19 at 7pm, Saturday, December 20 at 3pm, and Sunday, December 21 at 7pm.

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

Wisdom in the Age of AI - Mark your calendars for the "Wisdom in the Age of AI" conference to be hosted at Calvin University from October 8-10, 2026. The conference will include as keynotes Paolo Benanti (Artificial Intelligence (AI) advisor at the Vatican), Rosalind Picard (MIT Media Lab), and author and speaker Andy Crouch (Praxis), and six tracks exploring the role of AI in education, church, business, healthcare, the arts, and STEM. Learn more: calvin.edu/faith-and-technology/faith-and-ai-conference

Formational Reading of Scripture Join us as we explore ways to read Scripture not only for information, but also for transformation—for ourselves and our communities. In this course, students will experience: Historic and biblical practices for formative Bible reading, instruction on how to invite others to read the Bible formationally, and care for their souls as practices are implemented into students' own spiritual rhythms. January 5-22, 2026, Self-paced, Instructor: Dr. Jeff Sajdak, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, Dec 19th, 2025.

Truth, Reconciliation & Exchanging Hearts: A Canadian Model Join us for this unique opportunity designed to equip Reformed Christians to participate more fully in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous people. In this course, students are formed for contextualized ministry by: Learning from Indigenous stories, practices, and treaty traditions, Critical

consideration of historical interactions between Indigenous people and settlers, Reflection on the gifts and responsibilities of contemporary efforts, such as the 2015 report from Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission. February 9-March 20, 2026, Online meetings: February 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EDT, March 11 & 18 from 1:00-4:00pm EST, Instructors: Adrian Jacobs, Cindy Stover & Mike Hogeterp, Cost to audit: \$125, Register to audit by Friday, January 30, 2026

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more info, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	November 23 rd	November 30 th
Pastor	Lain VanderMyde	Ken Renkes
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V.	Celia B.
Snack Provider	Virginia S.	Ann D.
Server	Virginia S.	Ann D.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 25 th	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov 26 th	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:00 pm

