

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
April 18, 2026 - 9:00am  
“Communion Meditation”

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Remembrance

**Welcome:** Brenda A.

**Announcements:** Brenda A.

**Call To Worship:** Lord's Day 1, Q&A #1 (Silver Psalter #861)

**God's Greeting:** Pastor John

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

God Himself is With Us - Blue psalter #

Jesus Messiah

**Congregational Prayer:** Angie V.

**Children's Lesson:** Brenda A.

**Worship Through Song:** In Christ Alone

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

**Scripture:** John 6:48-58 (Pew Bible Pg)

**Sermon:** “Communion Meditation” – Pastor John

**Song of Praise:** Behold the Lamb

**Celebration of Communion**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** How Great is Our God

**Blessing:** Pastor John

## Announcements

**Today we welcome** Pastor John Byker. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talent with our congregation.

**This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper.** As we sit around the table of the Lord may we know our sins have been forgiven through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate with joy in our hearts.

**This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry.** The suggested donation is Shampoo/Toothpaste.

**Blood Drive:** First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 20 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but especially Type O-. To make an appointment, contact Amy (Dykstra) Carroll at 563-357-8555 or [https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/129200](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129200). Use Group Code 2371. Last date to donate was 3/25/26.

**Thank you** for your support, prayers, and cards that you've sent our way as we continue to navigate the loss of our mom. We greatly appreciate the community that has surrounded us during this difficult time. Thank you, Shaun Vegter and Ashley (Tyler) Propst.

**"Peace Beyond Measure" Ladies Retreat** at Grace Camp at the Peter Retreat Center on Saturday, April 25 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Doors open at 9:00 AM, Cost: \$20, Lunch & Beverages Included. Join us for a day of renewal, encouragement, and Christ-centered connection. Featured Speaker: Michelle Diercks, Author/Christian Life Coach. This event is open to all women & organized by the Women of Grace. **There's still time to register - call or text Beth C. at 563-219-2370 by 4/18.**

**Please send prayer requests to [stacy\\_stephenson\\_1980@yahoo.com](mailto:stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com) and all bulletin information to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com) and [secretary.fultonfirstcrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.fultonfirstcrc@gmail.com) by Thursday at 6p.**

### Deacons' News

Offerings Received 4/12/26:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,166.00
Benevolence: \$121.00	Received: <u>\$637.00</u>
	Under: \$1,529.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

4/26/2026 Offerings: General Fund & UCSB

*Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.*

### Community Announcements

**Volunteers needed.** The Windmill Culture Center (WCC) is having a coffee at the WCC for all volunteers. The meeting is April 22 at 1:30 PM at the Culture Center, 111 10th Ave., Fulton. Come join us to learn about volunteering. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in volunteering please call Jane Orman-Luker at 815-589-3479.

**40th Annual Walk for Them Both Fundraiser** Saturday, April 25. Goal: \$40,000. Meet @ The Pregnancy Center office at 240 N. Bluff Blvd., Ste 105, Clinton. Coffee & refreshments will be served! Registration at 8:15am, Walk at 9:00am. Contact Nancy at [nancy@pregnancycenterclinton.org](mailto:nancy@pregnancycenterclinton.org) or 563-242-6628

**Men's breakfast, speaker and worship** at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton, 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

### CRC News

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** – As you continue to celebrate Eastertide—50 days of practicing resurrection living—pick one

area of your life in which you want to live more fully into resurrection hope. Perhaps it's in how you handle conflict, care for your body, or serve your community. Invite Jesus into that space, recognizing his risen presence. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Pastor	John Byker	Herb Schafer	Lain Vandermyde
Sound	Joe V.	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery	Michelle V.	Celia B.	Sara B.
Snack	Lori B.	Ruby D.	Beth C.
Server	Lori B.	Lynell B.	Ana T.
Planner	Brenda A.	Lynda V.	Beth C.

<b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm