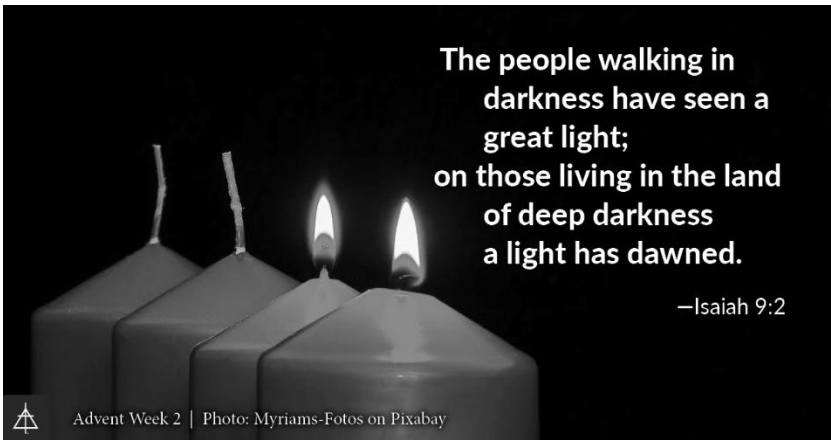


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First CRC Fulton
December 7th, 2025 - 9:00am
"Angel Message: Glory to God"

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Noel

Welcome: Bruce B.

Announcements: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: Bruce B.

Leader: A child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.

All: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Let us come together to worship the one who is our peace.

All: Let us come, letting go of our worries and praising God.

God's Greeting: Pastor Randy

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
King of Kings

Advent Reading: Hope

Song of Hope: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Advent Reading: Peace

Song of Peace: The Lion and the Lamb

Congregational Prayer: Bruce B.

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

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Offertory:

Worship Through Song:

You Are Holy

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 69:30 *I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.*

John 17:1 *Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You.*

John 17:4 *I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

17:24 *Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. John*

John 17:22 *The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.*

John 17:23 *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

John 17:4 *I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

Luke 2:20 *Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

Sermon: "Angel Message: Glory to God" – Pastor Randy

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Randy

Parting Song: King of Kings

Announcements

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

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Today**, following the 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 **TODAY**. 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.

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

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.

December Birthdays

12	Don Mathey
1	Collin Burns
14	Alida Hooker
1	Genevieve Tiesman
18	Brenda Atherton
1	Tucker Smith
21	Sheila Thompson
5	Kelly Dykstra
26	Ana Ton
6	Rollie Vander Eide
27	Paige Vander Eide
7	Kayla Gallup
28	Rachel Elliot
8	Janelle Bradley
30	Stacy Stephenson
9	Brenda Huizenga

December Anniversaries

6	Mark & Ann Dykstra	28	Albert & Gloria Wiebenga
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Deacons' News

Offerings Received 11/23/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
UCSB: \$316.00	Budget: \$2,180.00
	Received: <u>\$3,673.00</u>
	Over: \$1,493.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 12/14/25: General Fund & Benevolence

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

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CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you're in a doctor's office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. Brought to you by Thrive:
crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew Nicaragua Young Adults Trip - Young adults (18–30), join us in Nicaragua from February 13-22, 2026! Experience God in another culture, while you explore poverty, international development and the global church through the lens of faith. Discover the impact of World Renew's work, witnessing how Nicaraguans are transforming their lives through faith and resilience. To learn more about this trip and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/nicaragua2026info!>

Hiring! Temporary Communications Specialist - Resonate Global Mission is seeking a temporary content writer & editor to support our storytelling and donor communications during a 3-month parental leave. This role is ideal for a creative, detail-oriented communicator with strong writing skills and a passion

for global mission. This is a part-time, hybrid or remote position based in Burlington, Ont.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; or elsewhere in North America. Learn more and apply before December 8, 2025 at crcna.pinpointhq.com

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.

Unity Christian School Dedication & Kickoff: You are invited to celebrate God's faithfulness as Unity Christian opens its new campus! Join the community on Sunday, January 4, 2026, for a meal and dedication service at 1000 19th Ave, Clinton, IA. Meal at 1:00 PM, Service at 2:00 PM. Childcare available for Ages 1 - 4th Grade. Please RSVP for the meal and childcare by Dec 20: <https://forms.gle/5YMYhVFeyAhvjZqB9>
Thank you for your prayers and support as we enter this new chapter!

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

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.

	December 7th	December 14th
Pastor	Randy Newman	John Byker
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Sara B.	Stacy S.
Snack Provider	Marissa W.	Michelle V.
Server	Marissa W.	Michelle V.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	10:30 am
Tuesday, Dec 9 th	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm