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

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First CRC Fulton
November 16th, 2025 - 9:00am
“How God Guides Us”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Bodey S.

Welcome: Bruce B.

Announcements: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: Bruce B.

L: “Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” *Ps 25:4*

**ALL: “Guide me in your truth and teach me, for You are
God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.” *Ps 25:5***

L: "Lead me, guide me along the way;
for if You lead me, I cannot stray.”

**ALL: “Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.”**

L: Our Lord promises, “I will instruct you
and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” *Ps 32:8*

ALL: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.” *Is 2:5*

God’s Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Lead On Good Shepherd

The Lord’s My Shepherd

Congregational Prayer: Stacy S.

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offertory: Tegan

Worship Through Song:

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Lead Me, Guide Me

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: John 10:1-6

¹“*Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.* ²*The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.* ³*The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.* ⁴*When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.* ⁵*But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”* ⁶*Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.*

Sermon: "How God Guides Us" - Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor John

Parting Song: My Friends May You Grow In Grace

Announcements

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

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

Thank you to everyone who made the coat drive this year a success! Thank you for the use of the Church and to everyone who donated and helped in any way! 250 coats were given away! - Sharon Rickertsen

Lori has decided to retire from our janitor position at the end of the year. Anyone who may be interested in filling this position can contact a council member or Lori for details.

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

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| 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

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

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 11/9/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
Ministry Shares: \$128.00	Received: <u>\$629.00</u>
	Under: \$1,551.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 11/23/25: General Fund & UCSB

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Chaplaincy Sunday -

Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals,

prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God’s love wherever they are. 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

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the **2025 Fall Faculty Lectures with Dr. James Eglinton**, Meldrum Senior Lecturer in Reformed Theology at the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Eglinton will present a three-part series on the theological distinction between God’s perfect self-knowledge and our creaturely understanding—a central theme in Reformed theology from Junius to Bavinck. Join us Nov. 20–21, in person or via YouTube livestream. Admission is free! Visit www.midamerica.edu for more information and to register if you wish to be on campus.

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

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, Dec19th, 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 16 th	November 23 rd
Pastor	John Byker	Lain VanderMyde
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack Provider	Ruby D.	Virginia S.
Server	Lynell B.	Virginia S.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am