

First Christian Reformed Church

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2nd ADVENT SUNDAY

Peace

December 10, 2023 - 9:00am
Advent Week 2: Peace –
The Women of Christmas: Anna

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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: What a Glorious Night

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship:

God's Greeting:

Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - Peace

Worship Through Song:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Emmanuel

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: What Child is this - solo

Worship in Song:

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

In Christ Alone

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 2: 36-38

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but

worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Sermon: The Women of Christmas: Anna
Prayer

Celebration of Communion

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: God Himself is with Us

Blessing:

Announcements

The beautiful poinsettias are in memory of:

Merle & Carol Bielema from the family

Brad Lown from the family

Sid & Myrna Dykstra & Arthur & Eileen Thompson from

Paul & Sheila Thompson

Sebert & Phyllis Dykstra from the family

Elmer & Alberta Vander Eide from the family

Paul & Wilma Ottens & Janet Mathey from the family

Barb & Gene Kessler from the family

John & Vie Atherton from the family

Jake & Florence Balk & Roger Simon from Bonnie Simon

Angela McGinty & Robert Jackson from the family

Ken Balk & Stephanie Balk from Audrey Balk & family

From the family of Richard Huizenga: Thank you to everyone who remembered us with thoughts and prayers at the time of Rick's passing. A special thankyou to the ladies of the steering committee for serving at the luncheon. Thanks for everything. From Chris, Donald, Tony and family.

Preparatory Sunday as we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday morning. Let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

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

December Birthdays

1 Collin Burns	14 Alida Hooker
1 Genevieve Tiesman	18 Brenda Atherton
1 Tucker Smith	21 Sheila Thompson
5 Kelly Dykstra	27 Paige Vander Eide
6 Rollie Vander Eide	26 Ana Ton
9 Brenda Huizenga	28 Matt Smith
9 Jake Smith	28 Rachel Elliot
12 Don Mathey	30 Stacy Stephenson
	31 Ben Smith

December Anniversaries

28 Albert & Gloria Wiebenga

Deacons' News

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Benevolence Fund

Next Sunday: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings Received 12/3/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Received: \$2,962.00

Over: \$920.00

Building fund: \$227.00

Through the end of October, we are approximately \$4,810.47 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center – Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa on Dec 17. The 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party is on Dec 31st

The Morrison CRC will hold its last official service on Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. We are in the process of selling our property to Crossroads Church. Continue to lift this process in prayer as we navigate uncharted waters with sadness, but yet with hope and joy as the Crossroads leadership teams are very excited about the opportunities their new home will offer them.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 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 information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	Today	Next Week
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Sara B	Alida H
Snack Provider	Potluck	Gayle D
Server	Potluck	Roger D

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Dec 12	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm