

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton
October 19th, 2025 - 9:00am
Prayer: Why and How

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude:

Welcome: Bruce

Call To Worship: from Lord's Day 46

Leader: Why do Christians need to pray?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

Leader: Why do Christians need to pray?

All: Because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Leader: What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that He listens to?

All: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word,

Leader: Asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.

All: Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery,

Leader: So that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.

All: Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

All: We are Yours, dear Lord, and we come to worship You.

God's Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

10,000 Reasons

Announcements: Bruce

Congregational Prayer: Bruce

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offertory:

Worship Through Song:

I Need Thee Every Hour

Lord, I Need You

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-12

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹²So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Sermon: Prayer: Why and How – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor John

Parting Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Announcements

Today we welcome John Byker to bring us God's word. We look forward to worshiping with you, once again. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

New Address for Pastor Michael and Alida is 3628 15th Ave. CT, Moline, IL 61265.

1st CRC Congregation is invited to Bethel's 5th Annual Prayer, Praise, & Pie! On October 26th, we will have our 5th year of coming together to give our Lord the praise he deserves and our time of conversation with him through our prayers. On this night, we will be having pie, cake, and other desserts to celebrate this milestone. You are all invited to share in the 3-P's on Sunday, October 26th at 5:00 pm at Bethel CRC.

Elder and Deacon nominations will be accepted until end of service today. The nomination box is in the back of the sanctuary.

The Council will be forming a Search Committee to find a 3/4 time/bivocational Pastor. This committee will be made up of Council members and members from the congregation. If you are interested in participating, please let one of the Council members know by end of service, today.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 5 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types O- and B-. To make an appointment, contact Amy (Dykstra) Carroll at 563-357-8555 or and use Group Code 2371 at https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138337. Last date to donate was 9/10/25.

It has been discovered that some emails are not being delivered to the church email. We are looking into this. If you do not receive confirmation that your message was received by Thursday at 8pm, please send a text message to Marissa.

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.

October Birthdays

1 Abigail Nussel	9 Tegan Breidenbach
4 Rylie Dykstra	18 Ruby Dykstra
5 Darla Birks	20 Noah Atherton
8 Sarah Wiebenga	28 Linda Dykstra

October Anniversaries

5 Roger & Eileen Frazier	20 David & Brenda Huizenga
12 Adam & Abby Nussel	27 Andrew & Kelly Dykstra

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 10/12/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
Benevolence: \$196.00	Received: <u>\$1,508.00</u>
	Under: \$672.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 10/19/25: General Fund & UCSB

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Disability Awareness

Sunday - As you celebrate disability awareness this week, take time to thank God for people with disabilities who are a part of your life and your church family. Praise God for the gifts that each person can share. Pray that everyone in the church and community will notice people with disabilities and work to reduce barriers to their participation. Brainstorm ways in which you can participate in making your church a more inclusive space. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Job Opening! Missionary Support Specialist - Resonate Global Mission - The successful candidate will coordinate and support the fundraising activities of Resonate missionaries so that missionary support networks are stewarded for effective

support raising and ministry impact. This is a binational, full-time, hybrid role, and is designed to fill a Maternity Leave vacancy until November 2026. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Community News

Winter Coat Giveaway November 1st and 8th from 9am to 2pm at First CRC, 801 15th Avenue, Fulton. Coats, size 3 - 3x. This year there will also be 30 pairs of boots and 30 pairs of snow pants and over 200 coats. Please come if you, your family, or your friends need FREE winter weather items.

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, December 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.

	October 19 th	October 26 th
Pastor	John Byker	Rich Bawinkel
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Sara B.	Amy D.
Snack Provider	Sara B.	Brenda A.
Server	Eric & Sara B.	Stacy S.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Thursday, October 23 rd	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm