

First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
November 24, 2024 - 9:00am
And He Shall Reign

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: All Hail King Jesus

Song Requests:

Jesus Loves Me

O Lord My God Most Earnestly

Are You Washed in the Blood

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading

Leader: Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior. We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way.

ALL: God's electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

Leader: Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.

ALL: There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

For the Beauty of the Earth

Pass it On

To God Be the Glory

Congregational Prayer:

Offering - General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Worship in Song:

Jesus Shall Reign

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Beautiful Savior

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Sermon: And He Shall Reign - Pastor Byker

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: He is Exalted

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

The annual congregational meeting will be December 8th following the worship service. Election of elders and deacons for 2025 will take place. Nominees for the office of elder, (two to be chosen); Brenda Atherton, Joan Jackson, Stacy Stephenson, and Ann Dykstra. Nominees for the office of deacon (one to be chosen); Eric Burns, Don Mathey, and Amy Dykstra. The 2025 church budget will also be presented along with a discussion of church building projects. There will also be an open discussion forum.

Holy Communion will be served at the December 8 worship service.

The next potluck meal will be January 12, 2025. It was moved to this date due to conflict with the December 8 congregational meeting.

The Fulton Police Department will use our parking lot on December 7 to receive donations for their annual Christmas toy drive.

Community Involvement One goal we will be working toward in 2025 will be in getting our church more involved and known in the community. Ideas for how to achieve this are being developed.

Poinsettia Orders are due today! Please have all order information and payment to Michelle Vander Eide by the end of service. The cost is \$20 each. Color choices are Beauty Red, Christmas Joy Pink, Alaska White, Marble Star, Winter Rose Dark Red, Premium Ice Crystal and Bergundy. There is a printed sheet with all the colors in the back of church or see Michelle. We are ordering them through Unity's Athletic Boosters and they come from K & R Greenhouse in Morrison. Thank you for the support!

Food Pantry: This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is corn, peas, green beans, and instant potatoes.

Pie and Praise We are invited to share "Pie and Praise" at First Reformed Church this Wednesday evening the 27th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W, Leanna S

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

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

November Birthdays

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
		29	Pat Huisenga

November Anniversaries

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

Deacons' News

As of November 10th, the General fund offerings are approximately \$14,150 short.

Offerings Received 11/17/24:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,051.62
Faith Promise: \$230.00	Received: <u>\$993.00</u>
	Short: \$1,058.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 12/1/24: General Fund & Building Fund

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

CRC News

Churches Engaged in Faithful Welcome: Informational Webinar: On December 5 at 8pm EST, join Thrive and Exodus World Service for an informational webinar as we explain the new refugee resettlement opportunity for U.S churches called the [Welcome Corps Program](#). We will break down the process and discuss how Exodus World Service is

equipped to guide CRC churches and individuals interested in engaging in this faithful missional work of welcome. We will also cover all the steps to get started and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

https://crcna.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TV5U7ykARNSuRcM8LRgKHw#/registration

Give Thanks with World Renew's Advent Giving Tree - Let's help people who live in poverty to experience more of God's love for them with a Christmas Giving Tree! Each ornament on our Christmas tree from World Renew's 2024-2025 Gift Catalog represents a gift for people living in poverty worldwide. Just choose an ornament and bring it, along with your donation, for the World Renew offering on Christmas Day. If you're not attending services with us on Christmas day, you can also go to worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to give.

A Unique Mission Trip for Teenagers - Join a group of teenagers from multiple countries on a trip across three Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala) to learn more about these countries' histories and learn how local ministry leaders are working to meet the needs of communities in difficult realities. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and understanding of mission! Learn more and apply online at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week try playing the alphabet game using the topic "Things I'm grateful for." Prayers can take many forms, and naming things A-Z is a great way to remember that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17, NIV). Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

Children's Discovery Center:

5th Annual Online Silent Auction to support Learning Through Play at the Discovery Center! This is such a great opportunity to find cool items, gift certificates, and one-of-a-kind artisan treasures AND to support the children's museum at the same time! We highly recommend having your holiday gift-giving list handy - you may find the perfect items for those hard-to-buy-for. The Auction is now LIVE and ends on Monday, November 25, at 11:45 p.m.

<https://www.32auctions.com/DiscoveryCenter2024>

Cookies with Santa Saturday, November 30th, 11am – 1pm

Fulton Christmas Walk is December 6th, from 5pm – 7:30pm in Downtown Fulton. The Jolly old Elf himself, decorated storefronts, Christmas shopping, town tree lighting, kids activities, live nativity, treats, and so much more!

Annual Fulton Police Department Toy Drive on Saturday December 7th between 8am – 4pm in the parking lot of the First Christian Reformed Church, located at 801 15th Ave. in Fulton. They will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for all ages and as always, monetary donations will also be accepted! All donations will be distributed right here in the Fulton area. Come out and help make a difference for those in need!

Christmas in the Canyon Celebrate a frontier Christmas in Fulton's Heritage Canyon. Experience history for yourself with period buildings, reenactments, refreshments, and old-fashioned fun. Stay past sundown and experience the Canyon by candle and lantern light on December 7, from noon – 6pm, at Heritage Canyon, 515 N 4th St, Fulton, IL.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): 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. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	November 24th	December 1st
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Alida H
Snack Provider	Virginia S	Ann D
Server	Virginia S	Ann D

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 26 th	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm