

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton

September 28, 2025 - 9:00am

In the End, It's Spiritual Wealth that Matters

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianist

Welcome: Pastor Michael

Call To Worship: From Psalm 96 & 124

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;

All: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

All: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting:

Worship Through Song:

No Longer Slaves

Goodness of God

Announcements: Pastor Michael

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Michael

Offering: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Worship Through Song:

More Precious Than Gold

I'd Rather Have Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat

what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Sermon: In the End, It's Spiritual Wealth that Matters - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Parting Song: Praise

Announcements

Elder and Deacon nominations will be accepted until Sunday, October 19. 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 Sunday October 19.

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 to mhooke01@gmail.com or call 847-513-2809.

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

September Birthdays

5 Carla Zajicek
5 Elizabeth Long
8 Bonnie Simon
10 Joe Long III
12 Courtney Lown
15 Lynda Vander Eide

17 Roger Frazier
18 Ed Huisenga
19 Michael Hooker
19 Virginia Scidmore
19 Andrew Dykstra
25 Eileen Frazier
27 Leo Burns

October Birthdays

1 Abigail Nussel
4 Rylie Dykstra
5 Darla Birks
8 Sarah Wiebenga

9 Tegan Breidenbach
18 Ruby Dykstra
20 Noah Atherton
28 Linda Dykstra

October Anniversaries

5 Roger & Eileen Frazier
12 Adam & Abby Nussel

20 David & Brenda Huizenga
27 Andrew & Kelly Dykstra

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 9/21/25:

Memorial Fund: \$275.00

Faith Promise: \$136.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Received: \$543.00

Under: \$1,637.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 10/5/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – God’s family is beautifully diverse. Revelation 7:9 gives us a glimpse of heaven as a great multitude “from every nation, tribe, people, and language” worshipping together (Rev. 7:9). As you celebrate All Nations Heritage Week this week, ask a Christian from another nation or culture to share with you one meaningful way in which people in their tradition worship God. Or look online for stories about Christians in other cultures and how they worship God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to join us for three special events the first week of October: On Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. (CT), we will hold a Building Dedication service in our new chapel auditorium, with live stream available on our YouTube channel; on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. (CT), at First OPC in South Holland, IL, we will inaugurate Dr. Alan Strange as the Seminary’s second president, also available via live stream; and on Friday–Saturday, October 3–4, we will gather at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, for the 2025 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference, “*Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*,” with registration at www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference

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.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

	September 28 th	October 5 th
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack Provider	Michelle V.	Lynell B.
Server	Michelle V.	Lynell B.