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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
January 4, 2026 - 9:00am
"How Great Thou Art"

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: At Your Name (Yahweh, Yahweh)

Welcome: Stacy S.

Announcements: Stacy S.

Call To Worship: Stacy S.

Leader: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

All: God's goodness knows no limit; God's faithfulness towards us is boundless!

Leader: God, your majesty and glory surround us here.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Great are you Lord!

God's Greeting: Pastor Lain

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

How Great is Our God

Your Great Name

Congregational Prayer: Stacy S.

Worship Through Song:

Jesus Your Name

Now Unto Jehovah – Psalter Hymnal # 51

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis: 22:1-19

¹ *Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

² *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

- ³ *The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.*
- ⁴ *The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.*
- ⁵ *The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.*
- ⁶ *He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.*
- ⁷ *The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.*
- ⁸ *The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.*
- ⁹ *The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.*
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ *The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.*
- ¹¹ *The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.*

Sermon: "How Great Thou Art" – Pastor Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Lain

Parting Song: How Great Thou Art

Announcements

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

Offering baskets are placed on a table in the back of sanctuary.

The Council elected officers for the upcoming 2026 Council.

President: Stacy Stephenson

Vice President: Brenda Atherton

Clerk: Angie Vander Eide

Treasurer: Beth Caven

The Council would like to Thank outgoing members Bruce Bielema and Jon Breidenbach for your faithful years of service to 1st CRC.

Please send prayer requests or updates and *all* bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday.

January Birthdays

1 Audrey Atherton

15 Bodey Stephenson

1 Angie Vander Eide

15 Mark Dykstra

4 Joe Vander Eide

21 Fred Phillips

4 Jean Medenblik

24 Charlie Elliot

January Anniversaries

15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 12/28/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

UCSB: \$139.50

Received: \$1,412.00

Under: \$768.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 1/11/2026: General Fund & Faith Promise

Please place your offerings in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Epiphany (January 6) reminds us that Jesus was revealed to the Magi, who were considered outsiders and seekers. This week ask God to show you someone who might feel like an outsider or seeker. How can you reflect Christ's light and love to them? Sometimes the simplest act—an

invitation, a kind word, a prayer—can be a guiding light in a weary world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Truth, Reconciliation, and Exchanging Hearts - Calvin Theological Seminary's Truth, Reconciliation, & Exchanging Hearts course offers a focused look at Canada's Indigenous history and practical guidance for ministry leaders pursuing reconciliation. Deadline to apply is January 30. Learn more: <https://loom.ly/I4i8mul>

Job Opening! Regional Connector - US Midwest Region - The central purpose of a Regional Connector is to develop trustworthy relationships with ministry leaders in their region, especially those in CRC congregations and classes, in order to encourage, equip, and support local ministry by connecting them with denominational resources and other CRC ministry leaders. This is a part-time (18/hour week), fully remote position that is eligible for hire in the following states: Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Go Deeper in Faith Through a Trip with Resonate - Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026 with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you're interested at www.resonateglobalmission.org/move

Journey With Us in 2026 - Planning your 2026 travel? Looking for a trip with a purpose? Journey with us to see the transformative work of World Renew, while experiencing God

in another country and growing in your faith. Consider Guatemala, Tanzania, Cambodia, or Nicaragua! To learn more, please visit: <https://worldrenew.net/travel>

Community News

Unity Christian School Dedication & Kickoff: You are invited to celebrate God’s faithfulness as Unity Christian opens its new campus! Join the community on Sunday, January 4, 2026, for a meal and dedication service at 1000 19th Ave, Clinton, IA. Meal at 1:00 PM, Service at 2:00 PM. Childcare available for Ages 1 - 4th Grade. Please RSVP for the meal and childcare by Dec 20: <https://forms.gle/5YMYhVFeyAhvjZqB9>
Thank you for your prayers and support as we enter this new chapter!

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

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 information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	January 4 th	January 11 th
Pastor	Lain VanderMyde	Jake Ritzema
Recorder & Sound	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack Provider	Rachel E.	Michelle V.
Server	Rachel E.	Michelle V.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am