

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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## **First CRC Fulton**

May 17, 2026 - 9:00am

“Rededication of America”

### **We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Accompanists

**Welcome:** Lynda V.

**Announcements:** Lynda V.

### **Call To Worship:**

Leader: As we approach 250 years of liberty, we pause to honor that our Providential God has sustained our nation.

**All: We give thanks for 250 years of God's grace to our United States of America.**

Leader: We humbly acknowledge our need for Your leading, God, as we confess our failings and seek Your forgiveness for our nation.

**All: We turn our hearts toward You God, seeking healing and guidance for the next 250 years.**

Leader: With gratitude, we rededicate our country—One Nation under God- to Your principles of truth, freedom, and righteousness.

**All: May God bless and protect our land. For Jesus' sake, Amen.**

**God's Greeting:** Pastor John

**Mutual Greeting**

### **Worship Through Song:**

Across the Lands

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Congregational Prayer:** Pastor John

### **Worship Through Song:**

By Faith

Battle Hymn of Republic

My Country Tis of These

## **We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture:** Psalm 33:12-22

**Sermon:** "Rededication of America"

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** The Star Spangled Banner

**Blessing:** Pastor John

### **Announcements**

**Today we welcome** Pastor John Byker. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talent with our congregation.

**As a church family** we would like to provide food for Bruce and Lori's family this week as they will be celebrating the life of Lori's dad, Bernie. There will be a grave side service at Lower York Cemetery in Thomson at 11:00 a.m. on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a luncheon to follow at the Thomson United Methodist Church. Please have your food here (1<sup>st</sup> CRC) by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 3:30-5pm and it will be taken to Bruce and Lori's house for the family to have over the weekend. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Any questions see Beth C. or Angie V.

**Graduates:** It is that time of year! Please email information on our graduates – their names, graduation date, school they are graduating from, future plans, & any other information you want to include (maybe a picture) to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com)

**Blood Drive:** First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 20 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but especially Type O-. To make an appointment, contact Amy (Dykstra) Carroll at 563-357-8555 or

[https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/129200](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129200). Use Group Code 2371. Last date to donate was 3/25/26.

### Graduates:

**Jayson Johnson**, grandson of Roger & Gayle Dykstra, earned his Natural Resource Ecology and Management degree from Iowa State University on 5/16/26.

**Please send prayer requests to [stacy\\_stephenson\\_1980@yahoo.com](mailto:stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com) and all bulletin information to [FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com) by Thursday at 6p. If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line “Newsletter” by the last Weds of the month.**

### Deacons' News

Offerings Received 5/10/26:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,166.00
Cadets: \$99.00	Received: <u>\$979.00</u>
	Under: \$1,187.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

5/24/2026 Offerings: General Fund & UCSB

*Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.*

### Community Announcements

**Men's breakfast, speaker and worship** at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton, 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

### CRC News

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** – Research has shown that taking slow, deep breaths when we are stressed is good for our mental health. As you recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, try using breath prayers as a way to slow down and focus your mind on God. Choose a prayer from the options below, then breathe in and out, repeating the phrases as you breathe. As you breathe in silently, pray: “Not my will.” As you breathe out,

pray: “Your will be done.” Breathe in: “I am not alone.”  
 Breathe out: “You are here.” Breathe in: “You are the potter.”  
 Breathe out: “I am the clay” Brought to you by Thrive:  
[crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

	<u>May 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>
Pastor	John Byker	Rich Bawinkle	Ken Renkes
Sound	David D.	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery	Stacy S.	Amy C.	Lynell B.
Snack	Amy D.	Sara B.	Michelle V.
Server	Amy D.	Sara B.	Michelle V.
Planner	Lynda V.	Beth C.	Brenda A.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am