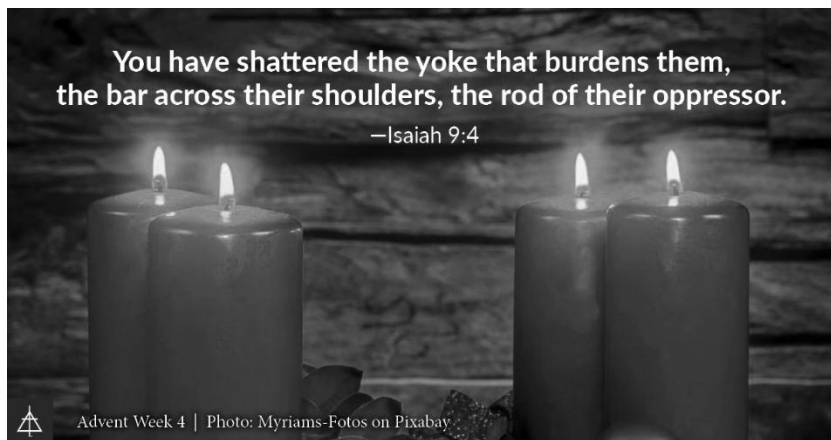


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First CRC Fulton

December 21st, 2025 - 9:00am

"Angel Message: Glory to God"

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: What a Glorious Night

Welcome: Bruce B.

Announcements: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: Bruce B.

Leader: A child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.

All: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Let us come together to worship the one who is our peace.

All: Let us come, letting go of our worries and praising God.

God's Greeting: Pastor Randy

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

O Come All Ye Faithful – Praise #178

Go Tell It on the Mountain – Praise #176

Angels We Have Heard On High – Praise #179

Advent Reading: Love

Song of Love: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – Praise #193

Congregational Prayer: Brenda A.

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offertory: Norah and Beth

Worship Through Song:

Away in the Manger – Praise #186

Hark the Herald Angels – Praise #181

Angels We Have Heard On High – Praise #179

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 69:30 *I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.*

John 17:1 *Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You.*

John 17:4 *I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

17:24 *Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. John*

John 17:22 *The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.*

John 17:23 *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

John 17:4 *I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

Luke 2:20 *Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

Sermon: "Angel Message: Glory to God" – Pastor Randy

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Randy

Parting Song: O Worship the King – Praise #28

Announcements

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

Christmas Eve Service at 1st CRC will be led by Pastor Jake Ritzema on December 24th at 6:00pm.

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.

Offering baskets will be placed on a table in the back of sanctuary beginning on Sunday, January 4th.

The beautiful Poinsettias are given in memory of:

Harlan & Darrell Tiesman by Gen, Darla, & family

The loved ones of the Ottens & Mathey families by Don and

Barb Mathey

Merle & Carol Bielema and Brad Lown by the Bruce and Lori Bielema families

Jake & Florence Balk, and Roger Simon by Bonnie Simon

Elmer & Alberta Vander Eide by Rollie and Lynda Vander Eide and Joe and Michelle Vander Eide

Sid & Myrna Dykstra and Arthur & Eileen Thompson by Paul and Sheila Thompson

Sebert & Phyllis Dykstra by the families of Roger and Gayle Dykstra, Sam and Ruby Dykstra, and Mark and Ann Dykstra

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.

December Birthdays

1 Collin Burns

1 Genevieve Tiesman

1 Tucker Smith

5 Kelly Dykstra

6 Rollie Vander Eide

7 Kayla Gallup

8 Janelle Bradley
9 Brenda Huizenga
12 Don Mathey
14 Alida Hooker
18 Brenda Atherton

21 Sheila Thompson
26 Ana Ton
27 Paige Vander Eide
28 Rachel Elliot
30 Stacy Stephenson

December Anniversaries

6 Mark & Ann Dykstra

28 Albert & Gloria Wiebenga

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 12/14/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Benevolence: \$131.00

Received: \$3,261.00

Over: \$1,081.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 12/28/25: General Fund & UCSB

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – It's almost Christmas Day!

How many different ways can you think of to say "Merry Christmas!" to people who know the story of Christmas and to people who don't know the story? And how might you say "Merry Christmas!" to God this week in a way that reflects love back to our Creator? Brought to you by Thrive:

crcna.org/Thrive

Help Families Affected by the Pacific Northwest Flooding -

Beginning December 8, heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one person and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021.

Please join us in prayer and donate to help flood survivors at worldrenew.net/northwest, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

The Gift of Christmas - As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's great gift to us. Will you add a child or family living in poverty to your Christmas giving today? Your donation to World Renew helps people around the world improve their lives and find home in their heart for Jesus. Please give generously in today's offering for World Renew or online at worldrenew.net/gifts

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

	December 21st	December 28th
Pastor	Randy Newman	Lain VanderMyde
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S.	Stacy S.
Snack Provider	Michelle V.	Brenda A.
Server	Michelle V.	Stacy S.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Wednesday Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 pm