

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**

May 10, 2026 - 9:00am

“God's Heart and Our Heart”

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Heart of Worship

**"A Tribute To Moms"**

**Welcome:** Bruce B.

**Announcements:** Bruce B.

**Call To Worship:** Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**P: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

L: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**P: We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**P: Give thanks and bless God's name!**

L: For the Lord is good;

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Eric

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Jesus Draw Me Close

Power of Your Love

**Congregational Prayer:** Brenda A.

**Worship Through Song:**

Knowing You, Jesus

Open the Eyes of my Heart

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

**Scripture:** Proverbs 4:20-27 (p722); Matthew 13:1-23 (p1102)

**Sermon:** "God's Heart and Our Heart"

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

**Parting Song:** Into My Heart

**Blessing:** Pastor Eric

### **Announcements**

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

**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.

**Please send prayer requests to**

**stacy\_stephenson\_1980@yahoo.com** and *all* bulletin information to **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 5/3/26:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,166.00

Building Fund: \$149.00

Received: \$1,457.00

Under: \$709.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Cadets

5/17/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise

*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 – Mother's Day** - Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

#### May 10<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Eric Dykstra  
Sound Joe V.  
Nursery Ana T.  
Snack Ann D.  
Server Ann D.  
Planner Brenda A.

#### May 17<sup>th</sup>

John Byker  
David D.  
Stacy S.  
Amy D.  
Amy D.  
Lynda V.

#### May 24

Rich Bawinkle  
Paul T.  
Amy C.  
Sara B.  
Sara B.  
Lynda V.

### Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm