

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton  
November 26, 2023 - 9:00am  
Christ is King

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

**Prelude:** Gratitude

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship: Pastor Byker**

**God's Greeting: Pastor Byker**

**Mutual Greeting**

## **Worship Through Song:**

Rejoice the Lord is King

He is the Lord

## **Congregational Prayer**

## **Offering**

Offertory:

**Responsive Reading:** From Lords Day 19 Q&A 50

Leader: Why the next words: "and is seated at the right hand of God"?

**All: Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.**

## **Worship in Song:**

Victory in Jesus

Living Hope

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

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:15-20

*<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

**Sermon:** Christ is King

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

**Blessing:** Pastor Byker

### **Announcements**

**We welcome Rev. John Byker** to bring us God's word this morning. Thank you for sharing God's word with us. May we all be blessed and inspired by our time together.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Congregational Meeting:** The annual congregational meeting will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> following the worship service. The 2024 Budget will be presented for approval and new Council members will be elected as follows. For the office of Elder, one to be elected from these nominees; Brenda Atherton, Joan Jackson, Angie Vander Eide, and Roger Dykstra. For the office of Deacon, two to be elected from these nominees; Joe Vander Eide, Beth Caven, and Amy Dykstra. Celia Behrens is the outgoing Elder and Marissa

Wilkinson and David Dykstra are the outgoing Deacons. We thank the nominees for their willingness to serve.

**Poinsettia orders** are due to Michelle Vander Eide by **today**, Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. This year they are \$20 each for an 8” pot (instead of 6.5”) with 5 -8 blooms per plant. Choose from red, pink, or white. Proceeds benefit Unity Athletic Boosters Orders and our local greenhouse. Please inform Michelle of your color choice, who it is in memory of and who it is from.

**Potluck** - Our December 10<sup>th</sup> potluck theme is “Together for the Holidays” – bring leftovers or test your new holiday recipes on the congregation. Leftover barbecue sandwiches from the soup supper will be served.

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

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W

### **November Birthdays**

9	Jim Dykstra	16	Elijah James
10	Edith Schaver	20	Steve Bielema
13	Hadley Collins	20	Rebekah Smith
14	Jon Breidenbach	21	Randy Atherton
14	Roger Dykstra	28	Harlan Tiesman
14	Roger Laborn	29	Pat Huisenga

### **November Anniversaries**

5	Paul & Sheila Thompson	14	Jim & Linda Dykstra
15	Joe & Beth Caven	20	Rick & Chris Huizenga

## **December Birthdays**

1 Collin Burns	18 Brenda Atherton
1 Genevieve Tiesman	21 Sheila Thompson
1 Tucker Smith	27 Paige Vander Eide
5 Kelly Dykstra	27 Ana Ton
6 Rollie Vander Eide	28 Matt Smith
9 Brenda Huizenga	28 Rachel Dykstra
9 Jake Smith	30 Stacy Stephenson
	31 Ben Smith

## **December Anniversaries**

28 Albert & Gloria Wiebenga

### **Deacons' News**

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

Offerings Today: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Next Sunday: General Fund & Building Fund

### **Offerings Received 11/19/23**

#### **General Fund**

Budget: \$2,042.00

Faith Promise: \$147.00

Received: \$876.00

Short: \$1,166.00

**Through the end of October, we are approximately \$4,810.47 under budget for General Fund offerings.**

### **Community News**

**Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center** – Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa on Dec 8, & Dec 17. 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party on Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

**Highland Community College** concert band and orchestra will perform at their *Instrumental Music Holiday Concert* on Friday, December 1 and the Highland Yought Choir and

Chorale will perform at the *Choral Holiday Concert* on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, both at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center at the HCC campus. *Reflections of Light: Christmas Around the World* will feature the Chamber Singers, Royal Scots, and the the Galena United Methodist Church Choir on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Galena United Methodist Church in Galena, IL.

**Fulton PD Toy Drive** will be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> CRC parking lot on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8am – 3pm. New, unwrapped toys for our local children may be donated they day of the toy drive or dropped off in the toy box in the lobby of City Hall.

**The Wait Is Over Christmas Tour** with Jordan St Cyr and Consumed By Fire at Crossview Church in Fulton, IL, on Saturday, December 2. General admission tickets are \$20 and 10 packs of tickets are \$150 (save \$5 per ticket). \$40 VIP tickets get you a meet-n-greet/Q&A with the bands, autographed merch, early entry into the church, and photo ops with the bands! Order tickets at <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/476240>

**“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,”** a delightful family comedy based on the best selling book by Barbara Robinson, will be presented by the Morrison Music Theater Association. Presentations are Friday, December 1 at 7pm, Saturday, December 2 at 2pm, and Sunday, December 3 at 2pm, in the Morrison Tech Auditorium. Admission is free.

**“Away in the Basement”** a church basement ladies Christmas, a hit musical comedy, will be performed at the John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center, at the University of Dubuque on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at

2:00pm. Visit [www.Dbq.edu/heritagecenter](http://www.Dbq.edu/heritagecenter) for more information. Group tickets are \$26 - \$44, call 563-589-3432

**The Morrison CRC** will hold its last official service on Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. We are in the process of selling our property to Crossroads Church. Continue to lift this process in prayer as we navigate uncharted waters with sadness, but yet with hope and joy as the Crossroads leadership teams are very excited about the opportunities their new home will offer them.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 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 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Nov 26<sup>th</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Michelle V	Celia B
Snack Provider	Michelle V	Sara B
Server	Michelle V	Sara B

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Nov 28	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm