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***Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love***

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**First CRC Fulton**  
**February 15, 2026 - 9:00am**  
**“Loving Christ's Church”**

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Tegan B.

**Welcome:** Brenda A.

**Announcements:** Brenda A.

**Call To Worship:** Pastor John

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: He remembers his covenant forever; the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: That they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!**

**God's Greeting:** Pastor John

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:** Cornerstone

**Sacrament of Baptism :** Jasper

**Worship Through Song:** Jesus Loves Me

**Congregational Prayer:** Brenda A.

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

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:19-22 (Pew Bible 1318)

**Sermon:** “Loving Christ's Church” – Pastor John

**Worship Through Song:** O Come to the Altar

**Holy Communion:** Pastor John

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

**Parting Song:** Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful  
**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 talents with our congregation.

**As we approach the season of Lent,** we will be sharing a devotional for each event. If you would like these links emailed or texted to you separately, please let Beth C. know. We start with Ash Wednesday: <https://chosenrebel.me/2025/03/05/ash-wednesday-meditation/>

**The Church's @live.com email** is still rejecting some emails. I'm still working on it. Please *ALSO* send emails to [secretary.fultonfirstcrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.fultonfirstcrc@gmail.com). ***Please do not send church related emails to my personal email, I will not see it.*** I apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you, Marissa

**Please send prayer requests to  
stacy stephenson 1980@yahoo.com and all bulletin  
information to FirstCRCFulton@live.com and  
secretary.fultonfirstcrc@gmail.com by Thursday at 6p.**

### **Birthdays this week**

18 Bailey Dykstra  
19 Wilma Vander Eide

20 Gayle Dykstra  
20 Landon Dykstra

### **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 2/8/26:

Ministry Shares: \$172.00

**General Fund**

Budget: \$2,180.00  
Received: \$957.00  
Under: \$1,223.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 2/22/2026: General Fund & UCSB

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

### **Community Announcements**

The first Saturday of every month the Church of the open door in Clinton has a men's breakfast featuring a speaker and worship time.

### **CRC News**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - This week we begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. As we enter this season of spiritual reflection, preparation, and renewal, take time to consider how the pursuit of justice in your daily life can reflect the justice-centered journey of Christ—which led ultimately to the cross. Write down five ways in which you intend to approach the Lenten season this year in alignment with Christ's call to justice, mercy, and love. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **Weekly Calendar**

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
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	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Pastor	John Byker	Randy Newman	Lain VanderMyde
Sound	Joe V.	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery	Ana T.	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack	Ruby D.	Amy C.	Ann D.
Server	Lynell B.	Ana T.	Ann D.