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Through Service & Love

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First CRC Fulton
November 22, 2026 - 9:00am
"Anointed & Appointed! Living a Spirit-filled Life"

We Gather in Praise and Worship
Prelude: Pianist's Choice
Welcome: Bruce B.
Announcements: Bruce B.
Call To Worship: Apostle's Creed

God's Greeting: Pastor Jake
Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place – Praise Hymnal #89
Great are you Lord
Spirit of the Living God – Praise Hymnal #90

Congregational Prayer: Stacy S.
Preparation for Thanksgiving

Worship Through Song:
Dwell in Me O Blessed Spirit - Blue Hymnal #397
Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word
Scripture: 1 John 2: 20 - 27
Sermon: "Anointed & Appointed! Living a Spirit-filled Life" – Pastor Jake
Thematic Text Luke 3: 21 - 22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Creeds: Selections from the Apostles', Nicene & Athanasian Creeds

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING
Parting Song: The Blessing
Blessing: Pastor Jake

Announcements

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

Poinsettias are $15 each this year and will be purchased through 4th Street Flowers and Gifts. Please have your order, who it is in memory of, who it is from, and money to Lori by 12/6/26.

This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Corn, Peas, green beans, instant potatoes.

Many thanks - Kathy and I were very blessed and encouraged by your Pastor Appreciation cards last week! We love First church and are grateful to be able to provide pulpit supply along with other ways to partner with you as you wait for your next pastor. Thanks again and blessings, Pastor John & Kathy Byker

Thank you to all people who were nominated and prayerfully considered their nominations. Those who have accepted include Elder: Celia Behrens and Ann Dykstra. Deacons: David Dykstra, Don Mathey, Darla Birks. One elder and 2 deacons will be selected on Dec 6th during Congregational Meeting.

Congregational Meeting will be held after Sunday Service on December 6th.

Family meal – Our next potluck will be December 20th. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies or candies to share.

Please send prayer requests to pathomps1708@yahoo.com. All prayers will also be added to the weekly bulletin (not published on the website) unless otherwise specified.

Please send 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 Wednesday of the month.

Birthdays: 25 Barb Mathey

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 11/15/26

Faith Promise: $188.00

General Fund	
Budget:	$2,166.00
Received:	$908.00
Over:	$1,258.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

11/29/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Fulton PD Fill-A-Squad

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

Community Announcements

Save the Date - On January 16 at 5:30 pm Bethel will host their annual game night to beat the cabin fever! We will be playing Telestrations! Never heard of it? It is a cross between Pictionary and the telephone game. You'll be laughing before the night is over!

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – In Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Harrison Warren writes, "In my daily life I've developed habits of impatience—of speeding ahead, of trying to squeeze more into my cluttered day. How can I live as one who watches and waits for the coming kingdom when I can barely wait for water to boil?" As the Advent season draws near, how might you more fully embrace the discipline of waiting in your everyday home life? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Harvest Hope With Us on Giving Tuesday - This Giving Tuesday, you have the opportunity to extend Christ's compassion and harvest hope for farming families worldwide. As farmers navigate extreme weather, poor soil, and limited access to resources, World Renew is providing training and support so they can build lasting food security. With your gifts, you can help farmers grow stronger harvests and have enough to feed their families and communities. Learn more and give by December 1 at worldrenew.org/givingtuesday

	November 22nd	**November 29th**	**December 6th**
Pastor	Jake Ritzema	Ken Renkes	Lain Vandermyde
Sound	David D	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery	Amy C.	Ana T.	Lynell B.
Snack	Ruby D.	Ann D.	Amy C.
Server	Lynell B.	Ann D.	Amy C.
Planner	Beth C.	Lynda V.	

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

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Prayer Concerns

Garold Caven, 82, passed away last Sunday, November 15 while in hospice care. Garold is the father of Joe Caven and father-in-law of Beth Caven. His funeral was Saturday, November 21. Please pray for Joe, Beth, other family and friends as they deal with this loss. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill each of them with comfort, strength, hope, and assurance during this difficult time.

Prayer for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue to work towards finding a new Pastor to lead the congregation. Members of the congregation who are homebound and in care facilities.

Did you know we have a prayer chain email? If you would like to get emails asking for prayers or sending praises you can contact Paul at pathomps1708@yahoo.com to be added to the email chain.

Anointed & Appointed!
Living a Spirit-filled Life

I. There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place
Names some NT folks who had some heavenly encounters
Z_____ E_____
J_____ M_____

From Pastor Jake's perspective the Holy Spirit seems to be under_____ in the life of so many Christians today.

John Calvin has been labeled The _____.

Questions:
1) What r_____ does the Spirit have in our lives?
2) What i_____ does He have in our lives on a daily basis

II. "You Must be Born Again" (John 3: 2 – 5)
The prophet Ezekiel wrote I will give you a ___ _____ and put a ___ _____ in you. I will remove your heart of _____ and give you a heart of _____

You and I have been T_____W_____ s_____ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

III. "They were Filled with the Spirit" (various texts)
Some of the NT folks who were filled with the Spirit include
1) 2)
3) 4)
The word 'filled' in the Greek language of the day means having "overflowing b_____ that s_____ human capacity.

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Turn to Luke 3 and 4. What words did Pastor Jake suggest that you underline?

Super important. The Holy Spirit was/is the i_____ c_____ to Jesus

For us to navigate through life we require the i_____ c_____ of the Holy Spirit.

IV. "The Anointing You Received abides in You" 1 John 2: 27
At the Jewish synagogue in His hometown, Jesus quoted Isaiah 61. *The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me to do what*?
On one occasion the disciples were eating with the Resurrected Jesus. He told them they were going to receive a special gift (see Acts 1:8), what was it?

What natural phenomena happened to small prayer group led by John & Peter after they were released from prison? (See Acts 4)

What was the next thing that happened to a Spirit filled Jesus, Peter, and the prayer group. They 'hit the b_____' so to speak.

Being a Spirit-filled Christian is more about ____ being _____ than about knocking on doors. If we are Spirit 'filled-to-overflowing Christians we have a God of provision who doesn't leave us high and dry. Check out 1 Peter 4:10 and 1 Cor. 12: 11.

Question of the Day "Is the Holy Spirit a_____ and w____ in my life? Do people really notice?

Hide & seek – can you find the answer sheets in the foyer?