

# First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025 - 9:00am  
Scripture Fulfilled

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Video

**Welcome:** Pastor Michael

**Call To Worship:** From Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**All: triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

**All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hallelu, Hallelu

Praise

**Announcements:**

**Congregational Prayer:**

**Offering:** General Fund & Benevolence

**Worship Through Song:**

Cornerstone

Crown Him with Many Crowns

All Glory Laud and Honor

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

**Scripture:** Psalm 118:19-29

*<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of the righteous;*

*I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.*  
<sup>20</sup>*This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.*  
<sup>21</sup>*I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.*  
<sup>22</sup>*The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;*  
<sup>23</sup>*the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*  
<sup>24</sup>*The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.*  
<sup>25</sup>*Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!*  
<sup>26</sup>*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.*  
<sup>27</sup>*The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.*  
<sup>28</sup>*You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.*  
<sup>29</sup>*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.*

### **Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup>*After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”*

<sup>32</sup>*Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”*

<sup>34</sup>They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup>"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup>"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

**Sermon:** Scripture Fulfilled - Pastor Michael

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

**Parting Song:** My Redeemer Lives

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**The Beautiful Easter Lilies** are in memory of:

Merle & Carol Bielema From the family

Brad Lown From the family

For the family From Barb & Don Mathey

Roger Simon, Jake & Florence Balk From Bonnie Simon

Carl Vander Eide From Wilma & family

Sebert & Phyllis Dykstra From the family

Harlan & Darrell Tiesman From Gen & family

Angie McGinty & Bob Jackson From the family

Alberta & Elmer Vander Eide From Joe, Michelle, Logan,  
& Paige Vander Eide and Rollie & Lynda Vander Eide

**Maundy Thursday Service** will be at 6pm on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

As we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion, let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

**Blood Drive:** First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 21 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. All blood types are needed. To make an appointment, contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or use Group Code 2371 at [https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/133835](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/133835). Last date to donate was 3/26/25.

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities or homebound: Albert W, Mary M.

Please send prayer requests to **[mhooke01@gmail.com](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com)**.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to

**[FirstCRCFulton@live.com](mailto:FirstCRCFulton@live.com)** by Thursday at 7:00pm.

### **April Birthdays**

3 Marissa Wilkinson

7 Ray Wiebenga

13 Simon Hooker

13 Ryan Dykstra

15 Jessica Sohre

17 Eric Burns

20 Jeff Zajicek

29 Michelle Vander Eide

30 Henry Bielema, Jr.

### **April Anniversaries**

11 Tom & Virginia Scidmore    28 Joe & Stacy Stephenson

### **Deacons' News**

Offerings Received 4/6/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Building Fund: \$353.00

Received: \$1,965.00

Under: \$215.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Benevolence

Offerings 4/20/25: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

## CRC News

**40 Days of Prayer for Synod** - You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Echoing the Emmaus Road theme from Gather events, we hope to "Journey with Jesus" as we ask for God's guidance, with prayers written by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. The 40 days of prayer will begin on May 4.

**Help Families Affected by the Myanmar Earthquakes** - World Renew is working with our partners and network peers in Asia to share Christ's hope with survivors of the recent earthquakes in Myanmar. For families displaced by this disaster, and currently living in the open, the situation has been made more dire by the onset of heavy rains. Your gifts will help us to provide food, shelter, medical support, clean water, and other essentials to the most vulnerable families affected by this crisis. Please give generously at [worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response](http://worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Myanmar Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

**Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change** Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit [worldrenew.net/ridetorenew](http://worldrenew.net/ridetorenew).

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Palm Sunday** - Today we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the crowds sang, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” Imagine being there in the crowd that day. What would you be thinking about or feeling? What could you do today or this week to help bring Jesus’ kingdom of peace here on earth right now? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### Community News

**Part Time Church Secretary Position** First Reformed Church Fulton, IL. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and be able to perform general office duties. Call or Text 563-286-4463 for more information

**Discovery Center 4/15** -- Pizza Hut Fundraiser, 5-7 pm, Dine in, carry out and delivery orders all count - 20% of your order goes towards Learning Through Play! Tell the Pizza Hut staff that your order is towards the Discovery Center!

***Come celebrate Spring & Easter*** at the Discovery Center! On Saturday, April 19th from 11 AM to 1 PM, bring children and the whole family to Celebrate Spring and bring your camera for great photo opportunities! During the event, come and do the following activities:

- \* Dye REAL eggs to take home (no egg hunts, here!)
- \* Hold and care for baby chicks
- \* Pet Bunnies & Meet a Baby Lamb

**Walk for them Both** with the Pregnancy Center, Saturday, April 26th. Check in at 8:15am, walk at 9am. You won't want to miss this so "pencil us in on your calendar!!" We can't wait to see you as together we raise our \$50,000 goal! If you would rather not walk, but want to donate, Amy Dykstra is collecting donations again this year.

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation** - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 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).

### Weekly Calendar

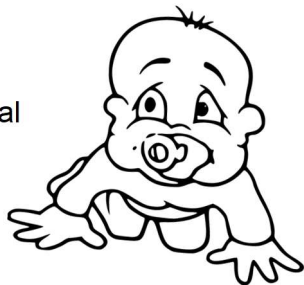
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 pm

	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Amy D.	Alida H.
Snack Provider	Lynda V.	Ruby D.
Server	Carman F.	Lynell B.



**THANK YOU** to all who let me interrupt coffee hour to talk about ways we can be more involved within our church and community! Here are some of the ideas we talked about:

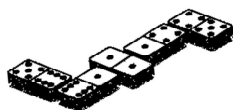
Please join us as we show our support for the Pregnancy Center by participating in their annual Walk For Life! You don't have to collect any money, just put on your 1<sup>st</sup> CRC t-shirt and meet us at the Pregnancy Center at 8:15 am on Saturday, April 26th! If you have any questions, contact Amy Dykstra.



Also, we would like to have a group of members get together and volunteer at Dutch Days this year on **May 3rd**. We're still waiting to hear where they need us, so stay tuned...

Other ideas that were brought up were to have a babysitting service some evening for couples to have a night out.

Service projects for our members and other people in need in the area, ie: yard work, painting, small construction projects.



Going to nursing homes and helping the residents with activities and/ or providing other entertainment.

Also, members calling other members with needs or just to check in. It doesn't have to be up to just the council members to be the only ones who do this.



Let's be a light in the community by showing our love for others and leading by example.