

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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## **First CRC Fulton**

July 5, 2026 - 9:00am

“In God's Hands: A Journey Through Our Nation's Trials”

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

**Prelude:** Pianists' Choice

**Welcome:** Beth C.

**Announcements:** Beth C.

**Call To Worship:** Beth C.

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the gift of freedom.

**People:** May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.

Leader: We draw near to the One who rules over all nations, seeking peace and justice.

**People:** May God continue to establish peace on earth, and help us understand it begins in our hearts.

**All: Come, let us worship our great God!**

**God's Greeting:** Brother Lain

**Mutual Greeting**

### **Worship Through Song:**

God of our Fathers

From ocean unto ocean

Shine Jesus Shine

**Congregational Prayer:** Brother Lain

### **Worship Through Song:**

Yet not I but through Christ in me

He leadeth me

Shout to the North

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

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14, Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:13-14,  
Psalm 33:12, Jeremiah 29:7

**Sermon:** “In God's Hands: A Journey Through Our Nation's Trials” – Brother Lain

**WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** America the beautiful, Praise Hymnal #485

**Blessing:** Brother Lain

**Announcements**

**The Fulton Kiwanis club** would like our church to partner with them to help with some kids games for the Fulton fun night on July 16th. Let Beth know how you can help. Any game ideas are appreciated as well! More details to come if we get enough people to help out.

**Next potluck** will be August 16th. We will have our "Back to school" service along with communion that Sunday, as well.

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 Wednesday of the month.

**Birthdays:** **July 6<sup>th</sup>** Jessica Russell

**Deacons’ News**

Offerings Received 6/28/26

General Fund

Faith Promise: \$155.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$782.00

Under: \$1,384.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

7/12/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Ministry Shares

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

## Unity Christian School News

### **Open Positions for the 2026-2027 School year:**

- Secondary Math/Science Teacher (Part-time)
- Secondary Resource Teacher (Part-time)
  - the above positions could be combined into a full-time position
- Cook/Assistant Cook (Part-time)
- Janitor (Part-time)
- Choir Accompanist (Part-time)

Questions can be directed to [jhollewell@unitychristian.com](mailto:jhollewell@unitychristian.com), applications can be found at [www.unitychristian.com/careers](http://www.unitychristian.com/careers)

## Community Announcements

**Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship** at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton will resume meeting at 8am on the first Saturday of every month, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**No Worries** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

**Adams Voice** will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. We will be serving Sunday Night Sundaes after the concert! A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

## CRC News

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** – Is it hot outside today? Here in the Northern Hemisphere it is summer, and the temperatures have climbed. Do you like that? Or would you rather it be cooler? Sadly, you can't order your favorite temperature today!

Just as in many other parts of life, the temperature outside is not yours to control. Remembering that is helpful for recognizing that you are small and that God (who can control the temperature) is big. Are there other things in your life that you can't change? Name one of those things each day this week, and praise God for his big-ness. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

	<b><u>July 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>July 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>July 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Pastor	Lain V.	John Byker	John Byker
Sound	Joe V.	Paul T.	David D.
Nursery	Stacy S.	Ana T.	Lynell B.
Snack	Ruby D.	Beth C.	Ann D.
Server	Lynell B.	Ana T.	Ann D.
Planner	Beth C.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.

<b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am