

First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
April 12, 2026 - 9:00am
“Chosen, Redeemed, and Sealed”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Redeemed

Welcome: Beth C.

Announcements: Beth C.

Call To Worship: Beth C.

L: Praise You, Lord God, for the spiritual blessings that You have poured out upon us.

P: We are Chosen. We are Redeemed. We are Sealed. We worship the God of our salvation!

L: Praise You God our Father for choosing us before the world began, adopting us into Your family,

P: We are Chosen. We are Redeemed. We are Sealed. We worship the God of our salvation!

L: Praise You for redeeming us, Son of God, purchasing and forgiving us with Your blood.

P: We are Chosen. We are Redeemed. We are Sealed. We worship the God of our salvation!

L: Praise You for sealing us with the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing that we are yours forever.

P: We are Chosen. We are Redeemed. We are Sealed. We worship the God of our salvation!

ALL: As we worship, O God, may our lives bring praise to your glorious grace. Amen.

God's Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Redeemed – Praise Hymnal #557

Come thou Fount – Praise Hymnal #35

Congregational Prayer: Brenda A.

Worship Through Song:

Who You say I am

I sought the Lord – Psalter Hymnal #498

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible Pg 1317)

Sermon: "Chosen, Redeemed, and Sealed" – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: To God Be The Glory – Praise Hymnal #536

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 talent with our congregation.

Preparatory Sunday as we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday morning. Let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and cards that you've sent our way as we continue to navigate the loss of our mom. We greatly appreciate the community that has surrounded us during this difficult time. Thank you, Shaun Vegter and Ashley (Tyler) Propst.

Communion and Potluck will be on April 19th. Think Spring! Wear your "springy" colors to church - pink, yellow, light blue, light green...

"Peace Beyond Measure" Ladies Retreat at Grace Camp at the Peter Retreat Center on Saturday, April 25 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Doors open at 9:00 AM, Cost: \$20, Lunch & Beverages Included. Join us for a day of renewal, encouragement, and Christ-centered connection. Featured Speaker: Michelle Diercks, Author/Christian Life Coach. This event is open to all women & organized by the Women of Grace. **There's still time to register - call or text Beth C. at 563-219-2370 by 4/18.**

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.

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 4/5/26:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,166.00
Building Fund: \$856.00	Received: <u>\$1,012.00</u>
	Under: \$1,154.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Benevolence

4/19/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

Community Announcements

40th Annual Walk for Them Both Fundraiser Saturday, April 25. Goal: \$40,000. Meet @ The Pregnancy Center office at 240 N. Bluff Blvd., Ste 105, Clinton. Coffee & refreshments will be served! Registration at 8:15am, Walk at 9:00am. Contact Nancy at nancy@pregnancycenterclinton.org or 563-242-6628

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God’s constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God’s generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God’s goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

	<u>April 12th</u>	<u>April 19th</u>	<u>April 26th</u>
Pastor	John Byker	John Byker	Herb Schafer
Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery	Lynell B.	Michelle V.	Celia B.
Snack	Lynda V.	Lori B.	Ruby D.
Server	Marissa W.	Lori B.	Lynell B.
Planner	Beth C.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, April 14 th	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm

Members Only: *There is now a “Members Only” section on the website where you can view church newsletters, pulpit supply and volunteer list, and more. The password is on the bulletin board at the back of the church to protect member safety.*