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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton

December 28th, 2025 - 9:00am

"God's Resolution For You: Be Obedient to God"

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Trust in You

Welcome: Bruce B.

Announcements: Bruce B.

Call To Worship: Bruce B.

L: God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with
delight and gladness

P: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

L: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for
worship.

P: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

L: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our
Awesome God!

P: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen

God's Greeting: Pastor Lain

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

I have decided to follow Jesus – Praise Hymnal #454

Lord I need you- Matt Maher

Congregational Prayer: Angie V.

Offering: General Fund & UCSB

Offertory:

Worship Through Song:

I will Follow

I surrender all

Amazing Grace my Chains are gone

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis: 22:1-19

¹*Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.*

²*Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."*

³*Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."*

⁶*Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"*

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸*Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.*

⁹*When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"*

"Here I am," he replied.

¹²*"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."*

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

¹⁹ Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.
Sermon: "God's Resolution For You: Be Obedient to God" –
Pastor Lain

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Lain

Parting Song: Trust and Obey – Praise Hymnal #320

Announcements

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

Ashley Propst will be here this morning to give a brief presentation on "Christian Veterinary Mission".

Poinsettias that were paid for may be taken home after service.
The Council elected officers for the upcoming 2026 Council.

President: Stacy Stephenson

Vice President: Brenda Atherton

Clerk: Angie Vander Eide

Treasurer: Beth Caven

The Council would like to Thank outgoing members Bruce Bielema and Jon Breidenbach for your faithful years of service to 1st CRC.

Offering baskets will be placed on a table in the back of sanctuary beginning on Sunday, January 4th.

Please send prayer requests or updates and *all* bulletin information to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday.

December Birthdays

1	Collin Burns	12	Don Mathey
1	Genevieve Tiesman	14	Alida Hooker
1	Tucker Smith	18	Brenda Atherton
5	Kelly Dykstra	21	Sheila Thompson
6	Rollie Vander Eide	26	Ana Ton
7	Kayla Gallup	27	Paige Vander Eide
8	Janelle Bradley	28	Rachel Elliot
9	Brenda Huizenga	30	Stacy Stephenson

December Anniversaries

6	Mark & Ann Dykstra	28	Albert & Gloria Wiebenga
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January Birthdays

1	Audrey Atherton	15	Bodey Stephenson
1	Angie Vander Eide	15	Mark Dykstra
4	Joe Vander Eide	21	Fred Phillips
4	Jean Medenblik	24	Charlie Elliot

January Anniversaries

15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 12/21/25:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Faith Promise: \$139.50

Received: \$743.00

Under: \$1,437.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & UCSB

Offerings 1/4/2026: General Fund & Benevolence

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Thank You for Giving! - Thank you for sharing God's love with people experiencing need in the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and crisis today. Do you want to give to help people as we enter the New Year? You can go to worldrenew.net/gifts Thank you for renewing hope with us!

Position Opening: Director of Justice and Peace - The Director of Justice and Peace position at World Renew is now live. This is a full-time, leadership role open to candidates in Canada and the United States. The director will provide vision and strategic leadership for World Renew's Justice and Peace Program, guiding staff, projects, partnerships, resource development, and external engagement. This position will strengthen World Renew's capacity in Justice and Peace initiatives, ensuring programming is rooted in biblical principles and aligned with our global strategy. The director will collaborate across teams to deliver transformational, community-driven projects, advocate for systemic change, and engage with external partners to amplify our impact worldwide. Learn more and apply at worldrenew.net/careers by January 2.

Journey With Us in 2026 - Planning your 2026 travel?
Looking for a trip with a purpose? Journey with us to see the transformative work of World Renew, while experiencing God in another country and growing in your faith. Consider Guatemala, Tanzania, Cambodia, or Nicaragua! To learn more, please visit: <https://worldrenew.net/travel>

Community News

Unity Christian School Dedication & Kickoff: You are invited to celebrate God’s faithfulness as Unity Christian opens its new campus! Join the community on Sunday, January 4, 2026, for a meal and dedication service at 1000 19th Ave, Clinton, IA. Meal at 1:00 PM, Service at 2:00 PM. Childcare available for Ages 1 - 4th Grade. Please RSVP for the meal and childcare by Dec 20: <https://forms.gle/5YMYhVFeyAhvjZqB9>
Thank you for your prayers and support as we enter this new chapter!

Calvin Seminary Upcoming Opportunities

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 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 info, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

	December 28th	January 4th
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Pastor	Lain VanderMyde	Lain VanderMyde
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S.	Lynell B.
Snack Provider	Brenda A.	Rachel E.
Server	Stacy S.	Rachel E.