

First Christian Reformed Church

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***Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love***

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First CRC Fulton

October 20, 2024 - 9:00am

Perfect Through Suffering

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Pianist

Welcome: Bruce

Announcements: Bruce

Call To Worship: Apostles Creed - In Unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

God's Greeting: Pastor Byker

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

My Redeemer Lives

Jesus Messiah

Congregational Prayer: Paul

Offering: General Fund & Faith Promise

Worship in Song:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in me
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;

today I have become your Father.”

⁶And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Sermon: Perfect Through Suffering - Pastor Byker

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Go Now In Peace

Blessing: Pastor Byker

Announcements

Council Nominations will be due soon. The box for elder and deacon nominations will be on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Fulton Food Pantry This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is canned tomatoes or creamed soup.

Song Requests Get those favorite songs ready! Our next song request Sunday will be Next Sunday! Put your picks in the basket on the table in the back by today.

Trunk or Treat will be held in our parking lot on October 31st, from 6-8pm. Decorate your car, truck, RV or tractor! Anything goes! If you would rather donate candy, that would be great! Just put it in the kitchen. It's going to be a fun night getting to know fellow friends in our community!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! If you have a card or note for Pastor Michael & Alida, you may place them in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. There will be a basket for our guest pastors, as well.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 6 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Type B-. Last date to donate was 9/11/24. To make an appointment, contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555 or go to

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129200. Our sponsor Code 2371

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Michael at **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to **FirstCRCFulton@live.com** by Thursday at 7:00pm.

October Birthdays

- 1 Abigail Burns
- 4 Rylie Dykstra
- 5 Darla Birks
- 8 Sarah Wiebenga

- 9 Tegan Breidenbach
- 18 Ruby Dykstra
- 20 Noah Atherton
- 28 Linda Dykstra
- 28 Hannah Couch

October Anniversaries

- 5 Roger & Eileen Frazier

- 20 David & Brenda Huizenga
- 27 Andrew & Kelly Dykstra

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 10/13/24:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Benevolence: \$866.00

Received: \$1,569.00

Short: \$482.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 10/27/24: General Fund & UCSB

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

As of October 13th the General fund offerings are running approximately \$12,500 short

CRC News

Living In Hope - Women's Retreat - Come by yourself, with your mom or daughter, or with some friends and spend the weekend (November 1-3) with us at Gull Lake Ministries Center in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful setting as we look at 1 & 2 Thessalonians to explore the theme of Living in Hope. Learn from Pamela Alderman as she leads us Friday and Saturday followed on Sunday by Marisol Cabrera. The weekend will be a wonderful time of learning and growing -- or sign up for the single day option for a quick day away! Details at globalcoffeebreak.org/events

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Disability Awareness Sunday. First Corinthians 12 describes the church as the body of Christ—a body with many parts that play different roles. As you think about your role within your church or community, which body part(s) do you think you might be? Perhaps you are the eyes and heart, sharing empathy and kindness where you see hardship and struggle. Maybe you are the big toe, providing stability and balance. Are you like blood vessels gifted at connecting and linking others? Thank God for how God made you and how each person in God's kingdom is essential. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

Coat Drive pick up at 1st CRC November 2nd and 9th from 9am – 2pm. Free coats, Sizes 3 - 3X. There will also be some snow pants, sweatshirts, hats and gloves and a very limited amount of boots. Items to donate may be dropped off at Bethel Church from 9am – noon, Monday through Friday.

From Stage and Screen Concert Featuring Highland Community College Youth Choir, Chamber Singers, & Royal Scots. Sunday, October 20th, 3pm, at the Ferguson Fine Arts

Center, 2998 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, IL 61032. Tickets available Highland.edu/boxoffice or call 815-599-3718

Fall Instrumental Music Concert featuring the Highland Community College Concert Band and Orchestra, Friday, November 1, 7pm, at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, 2998 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, IL 61032. Tickets available Highland.edu/boxoffice or call 815-599-3718

Self-Help Enterprise's Pancake Breakfast Saturday, November 2nd, from 7am – noon at 2300 W LeFevre Rd, Sterling, IL. Free will donation, and the event includes All you can eat pancakes, 50/50 Raffle, Bake Sale, and Craft & Vendor show.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 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. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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.

	October 20th	October 27th
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Brenda A	Mary M
Server	Stacy S	Michelle V

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 22 nd	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 24 th	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
	Council Meeting	6:45 pm