

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton

October 13, 2024 - 9:00am

Sharper Than a Two-Edged Sword

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Lord I Need You

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

All: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Who You Say I Am

Mighty To Save

Congregational Prayer:

Offering: General Fund & Benevolence

Offertory: Made For More

Worship in Song:

Create In Me A Clean Heart

The Table

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Sermon: Sharper Than a Two-Edged Sword - Pastor Michael

Prayer

Communion Service

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Victory in Jesus

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. As we sit around the table of the Lord may we know our sins have been forgiven through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate with joy in our hearts.

Potluck Today! Please join us after the service. There will be pumpkins to decorate and maybe a couple fun games! We hope you brought a friend!

Song Requests Get those favorite songs ready! Our next song request Sunday will be October 27th! Put your picks in the basket on the table in the back by next Sunday the 20th.

Trunk or Treat will be held in our parking lot on October 31 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 10/6/24:

Building Fund: \$1082.20

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$966.00

Short: \$1,085.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & Benevolence

Offerings 10/20/24: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. First Timothy 5:17 says, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (NIV). Take some time this week to write a note to a leader in the church, telling them why you are grateful for them.

Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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

Job Opening! Faith Formation Consultant - Thrive - The Faith Formation Consultant works with Thrive staff to equip and encourage churches with particular attention to life-long faith formation and discipleship ministries at the congregational, regional, and denominational levels. This is a full time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Job Opening! Resonate International Position: Asia Team Leader - Lead the Mission Team for Asia to steward the implementation of the strategy for all three of Resonate's Core Initiatives: Congregation Gospel Witness, Intercultural Gospel Witness, and Church Planting in this region. Personally engage in local ministry within the region in alignment with Resonate goals and focus areas. This full time position strongly prefers residence in Asia, and requires travel within the region and travel to and from North America periodically as well. Learn more and apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Hurricane Milton Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services is working with our partners in Florida to coordinate a response to Hurricane Milton. World Renew is already present in Sarasota to assist after hurricanes Debby (Aug) and Helene (Sept). Pray for comfort, recovery, and hope for hurricane survivors in Florida and the southeastern US. Please give generously to World Renew DRS Hurricane Milton response at worldrenew.net/hurricanemilton, call 1-800-552-7972, or mail a check made out to World Renew DRS, with "DRS Hurricane Milton" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49315.

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.

The Pregnancy Center's annual Pro-Life Youth Event will be held at River Church in Clinton on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 6:00-8:30pm. They will have food, great worship, testimonies and free stuff. Mark your calendars. Questions call 563-242-6628! More details to follow.

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

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 13th	October 20th
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Lynell B
Snack Provider	Potluck	Brenda A
Server	Potluck	Roger D

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am