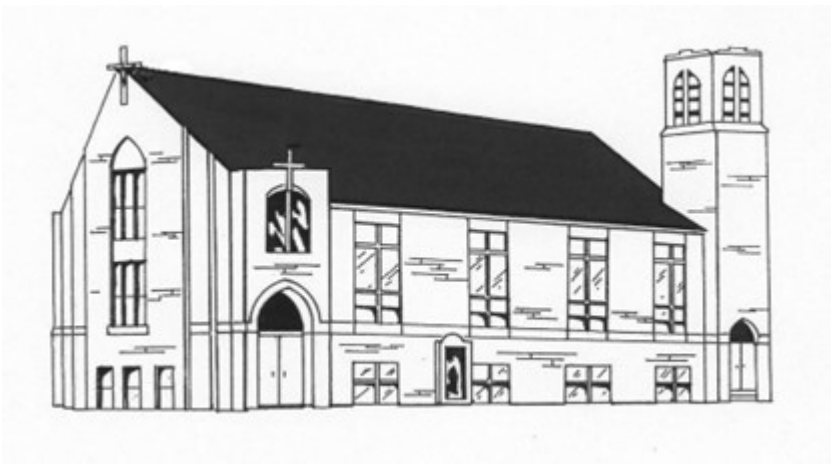


# First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
March 9, 2025 - 9:00am  
The Temptations

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** The Lord's Prayer

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** Nicene Creed

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

Goodness of God

Lord, I Need You

**Congregational Prayer:**

**Offering:** General Fund & GEMS

**Worship in Song:**

In Doubt and Temptation

Ten Thousand Angels

Change My Heart O God

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

**Scripture:** Luke 4:1-13

*<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

*<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."*

*<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"*

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

**Sermon:** The Temptations - Pastor Michael

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

**Parting Song:** The Blessing

### **Announcements**

**Thanks** to everyone who participated in my 70th birthday card shower. It was very nice to receive so many cards and see all of your best wishes. Thanks again! ~ Gayle Dykstra

**"Easter Lily time!** Now through March 30, you can contact Lori with your Easter Lily order. The price this year is \$15.00 apiece. Let Lori know how many you would like and who they are in memory of."

**You are cordially invited!** Unity Christian School would like to personally invite you to our fundraising banquet on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6p – 9p. We are (re)kick-starting our capital campaign! Enjoy a delicious meal (complimentary), good fellowship, the “why now,” inspiring speakers, and the opportunity to make an impact on Unity’s future!

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W, Mary M.

Please send prayer requests to **[mhooke01@gmail.com](mailto:mhooke01@gmail.com)**.

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

### **March Birthdays**

1	Ann Dykstra	22	Arlene Dykstra
6	Nicole Bielema	25	Evan Atherton
10	Carman Funderburgh	25	Connie Wiebenga
16	Noelle Lown	26	Jayson Johnson
20	Nolan Bradley	30	Lori Bielema
21	John Vander Eide	31	Wesley Lown

### **March Anniversaries**

6 John & Angie Vander Eide  
21 Jason & Ashley Vander Eide  
25 Joe & Michelle Vander Eide  
28 Brad & Staci Behrens  
28 Dale & Edith Schaver

### **Deacons’ News**

Offerings Received 3/2/25:

Building Fund: \$365.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,180.00

Received: \$432.00

Under: \$1,748.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & GEMS

Offerings 3/16/25: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

### CRC News

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The Bible talks about many different ways to engage our bodies while we pray. As you observe the CRC's Annual Day of Prayer this week, try a different prayer posture: you could kneel, lie flat, pray with your hands or eyes open, dance to a worship song, or journal your prayer. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### Community News

**Worship Night at Crossview Church** - We would like to invite our local church community to “Awaken my Soul and Sing” on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

***SAVE the DATE!*** 37th Annual Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, March 30, 2025, 9 am - 1 pm, *At Discovery Center Dine In! Carry Out! Order Ahead for Pickup!*

**Walk for them Both** with the Pregnancy Center, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Check in at 8:15am, walk at 9am. You won't want to miss this so "pencil us in on your calendar!!" We can't wait to see you as together we raise our \$50,000 goal! More details to follow! Nancy Lincoln & Team Jesus for Life!

**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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 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 information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	GEMS & Cadets	6:30 pm

	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March</b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S.	Lynell B.
Snack Provider	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Server	Lynell B.	Michelle V.

**Nicene Creed:**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.*