

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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First CRC Fulton

November 17, 2024 - 9:00am

Patience

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Piano

Welcome:

Announcements:

Call To Worship: From Exodus 15

God's Greeting: Pastor Michael

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Build Your Kingdom Here

Everlasting God

Shout To the North

Congregational Prayer:

Offering - General Fund & Faith Promise

Worship in Song:

Lead On O King Eternal

Trust and Obey

Filled Thou My Life O Lord My God

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

¹As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

²"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

⁴“Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Sermon: Patience - Pastor Michael

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: The Blessing

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

Song request Sunday is November 24th! Pick out a favorite song or 2 and put it in the basket on the table in the back by today.

Time to order poinsettias! Please have all order information and payment to Michelle Vander Eide by Sunday, November 24th. The cost is \$20 each. Color choices are Beauty Red, Christmas Joy Pink, Alaska White, Marble Star, Winter Rose Dark Red, Premium Ice Crystal and Bergundy. There is a printed sheet with all the colors in the back of church or see Michelle. We are ordering them through Unity's Athletic Boosters and they come from K & R Greenhouse in Morrison. Thank you for the support!

A sincere thank you to Bonnie S for donating a toddler bed and mattress to the family in need and thank you to all who reached out to help!

A big thank you from Sharon R for all of the help with the coat giveaway. 160 coats were given out, plus boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and snowpants. "I couldn't do it without your church and the help with advertising and use of the building."

Thank you so much for all the cards and notes from Pastor Appreciation week, they were such an encouragement and made us appreciate how grateful we are to be here at Fulton First CRC. - Pastor Michael and Alida

Thank you for all your calls, cards, and prayers before & after my recent back surgery. Special thanks to those who visited me at the Alverno and since returning home. Thanks again for your love, care & support. God bless you all! - Roger & Gayle Dykstra

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

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.

November Birthdays

9	Jim Dykstra	14	Roger Laborn
10	Edith Schaver	16	Elijah James
13	Hadley Collins	20	Steve Bielema
14	Jon Breidenbach	21	Randy Atherton
14	Roger Dykstra	25	Barb Mathey
		29	Pat Huisenga

November Anniversaries

5	Paul & Sheila Thompson	14	Jim & Linda Dykstra
		15	Joe & Beth Caven

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 11/10/24:

Ministry Shares: \$235.65

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$1,309.00

Short: \$742.62

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings 11/24/24: 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

Chaplaincy Sunday - Today churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains. Thrive endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry focus of Thrive by giving at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate

Churches Engaged in Faithful Welcome: Informational Webinar: On December 5 at 8pm EST, join Thrive and Exodus World Service for an informational webinar as we explain the new refugee resettlement opportunity for U.S churches called the [Welcome Corps Program](#). We will break down the process and discuss how Exodus World Service is equipped to guide CRC churches and individuals interested in engaging in this faithful missional work of welcome. We will also cover all the steps to get started and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

https://crcna.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TV5U7ykARNSuRcM8LRgKHw#/registration

A Unique Mission Trip for Teenagers - Join a group of teenagers from multiple countries on a trip across three Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala) to learn more about these countries' histories and learn how local ministry leaders are working to meet the needs of communities in difficult realities. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and understanding of mission! Learn more and apply online at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Advent begins on December 1. How will you celebrate the season of Advent this year? Whether you light an Advent wreath at home each week, use a Jesse Tree devotional guide, or follow a daily Advent calendar - there are lots of ways to prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmastime. Gather any supplies you'll need, and check out the helpful ideas in this post: bit.ly/ThriveAdventResources. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

5th Annual Online Silent Auction to support Learning Through Play at the Discovery Center! This is such a great opportunity to find cool items, gift certificates, and one-of-a-kind artisan treasures AND to support the children's museum at the same time! We highly recommend having your holiday gift-giving list handy - you may find the perfect items for those hard-to-buy-for. The Auction is now LIVE at <https://www.32auctions.com/DiscoveryCenter2024> and ends on Monday, November 25, at 11:45 p.m.

Fulton Christmas Walk is December 6th, from 5pm – 7:30pm in Downtown Fulton. The Jolly old Elf himself, decorated storefronts, Christmas shopping, town tree lighting, kids activities, live nativity, treats, and so much more!

Annual Fulton Police Department Toy Drive on Saturday December 7th between 8am – 4pm in the parking lot of the First Christian Reformed Church, located at 801 15th Ave. in Fulton. They will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for all ages and as always, monetary donations will also be accepted! All donations will be distributed right here in the Fulton area. Come out and help make a difference for those in need!

Christmas in the Canyon Celebrate a frontier Christmas in Fulton's Heritage Canyon. Experience history for yourself with period buildings, reenactments, refreshments, and old-fashioned fun. Stay past sundown and experience the Canyon by candle and lantern light on December 7, from noon – 6pm, at Heritage Canyon, 515 N 4th St, Fulton, IL.

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.

	November 17th	November 24th
Recorder & Sound	David D	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Amy D	Stacy S
Snack Provider	Ruby D	Virginia S
Server	Lynell B	Virginia S

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

Fulton 1st Christian Reformed Church Prayer Concerns

Gayle Dykstra - Prayers for her recovery from surgery.

Dick Huizenga - Ongoing health concerns.

Joe Long - Health Concerns and Mobility Issues.

Leanna Schipper - Back pain and moving to Bickford.

Marianne Eenigenburg - Alida's Mom who was diagnosed with cancer. Prayers as she begins her treatment in the weeks to come.

Eric - Was hit by a car and in critical condition. Prayers for him and his family, as he has a long road of recovery.

Families of Hurricane Victims - Prayers as they seek to rebuild and recover.

Members of the congregation who are homebound and in care facilities.