

# First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God  
Through Service & Love*

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**First CRC Fulton**  
March 2, 2025 - 9:00am  
A Counter Cultural Way of Being

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude:** Yet Not I, But Christ In Me

**Welcome:**

**Announcements:**

**Call To Worship:** Pastor Michael

**God's Greeting:** Pastor Michael

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

What A Friend

Behold What Manner of Love

His Mercy is More

**Congregational Prayer:**

**Offering:** General Fund &

Unity Christian School Boosters Fund

**Worship in Song:**

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Pass Me Not

Create in Me

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

**Scripture:** Luke 6:27-38

*<sup>27</sup>“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to*

you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**Sermon:** A Counter Cultural Way of Being - Pastor Michael

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Blessing:** Pastor Michael

**Parting Song:** God is so Good

### **Announcements**

**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 2/23/25:	<u>General Fund</u>
	Budget: \$2,180.00
Unity School Booster: \$599.25	Received: <u>\$1,650.00</u>
	Under: \$530.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 3/9/25: General Fund & GEMS

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

### **CRC News**

**Last Chance to Register** - Gather ([crcna.org/Gather](http://crcna.org/Gather)) has been a year-long campaign across the Christian Reformed church, pulling people together to talk about what God is doing with and

through our congregations. Only three events remain. If you have not yet been to Gather and would like to join Gather Chicago (March 27-29) please email [gather@crcna.org](mailto:gather@crcna.org) before March 15. Expenses for your participation are covered through generous donations.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - “Dust you are and to dust you will return” (Genesis 3:19, NIV). This week marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. While it might seem morbid to focus intentionally on our mortality, we can use this time to remember our humanity. We live with bodies and minds that not only are fearfully and wonderfully made but will also age and begin to fail us. Give thanks to God for the gift of your body, and ask him to help you be mindful of its limits. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### Community News

**Still Waters Tour** featuring Cade Thompson & Leanna Crawford and River Church Worship! The worship night will be Friday March 7, 2025, at the River Church in Clinton, IA. Leanna Crawford is red hot on Christian radio with the hit song Psalm 23 (Still Waters) and Cade Thompson has been on Christian radio for years. VIP tickets are almost sold out! There are also 4 packs of tickets available for a discounted price. Tickets will go up the day of the show. Visit [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com) for tickets.

**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!*

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

**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).

## Weekly Calendar

Today

Sunday Worship

9:00 am

	<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>
Recorder & Sound	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery Attendant	Alida H.	Stacy S.
Snack Provider	Amy D.	Lynell B.
Server	Amy D.	Lynell B.