

First Christian Reformed Church

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The king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Daniel 1:19 WESB

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

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First CRC Fulton
January 5, 2025 - 9:00am
Resolve to Remember

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude:

Welcome: Bruce

Announcements: Bruce

Call To Worship: Bruce

God's Greeting: Pastor Rich

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Great are You Lord

10,000 Reason

Be Unto Your Name

Congregational Prayer: Bruce

Offering: General Fund & Building Fund

Worship in Song:

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Lord, I Need You

Another Year is Dawning

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹*"At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."*

²*This is what the Lord says:*

*"The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;
I will come to give rest to Israel."*

³*The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:*

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;

*I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.
4I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.
Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful.
5Again you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
the farmers will plant them
and enjoy their fruit.
6There will be a day when watchmen cry out
on the hills of Ephraim,
'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.'*”

Ephesians 3:14-21

14For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Sermon: Resolve to Remember - Pastor Rich

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Rich

Parting Song: The New Doxology

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Rich to join us in worship this morning. Thank you for sharing God's word with us. May we all be blessed and inspired by our time together.

Installation of incoming elders and deacons will take place next Sunday, January 12, during the service.

The next potluck meal will be next Sunday, January 12, 2025, after the service. Begin thinking about your favorite slow cooker foods! There is a sign-up sheet in back.

Our 2024 General Fund offerings ended up \$3540.00 short of our budget goal. Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity last year.

As we begin this new year, please stop at the back of the sanctuary to update the directory. Also, a schedule for volunteers has been placed in mailboxes. If you need to make a trade, please do so and let Marissa know.

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

Please send prayer requests to **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to

FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

January Birthdays

1 Audrey Atherton

1 Angie Vander Eide

4 Joe Vander Eide

4 Jean Medenblik

6 Jamie Wiebenga

15 Bodey Stephenson

15 Mark Dykstra

21 Fred Phillips

24 Leanna Schipper

24 Joshua Wiebenga

24 Charlie Elliot

January Anniversaries

15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 12/29/24:

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Ministry Shares: \$221.00

Received: \$2063.00

Over: \$11.38

Offerings Today: General Fund & Building Fund

Offerings 1/12/25: General Fund & Ministry Shares

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

CRC News

We're Hiring! Learning and Development Specialist - This position will implement a learning and development program for denominational staff, focusing on improving skills, knowledge, and overall professional development. The successful candidate will also oversee the Performance Review System and collaborate with the Human Resources Directors to execute the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) strategy for denominational staff. This full time, hybrid position can work from either Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

ICS Winter Courses - Take an online course with the Institute for Christian Studies this winter! Tuition is \$1,500 to take for credit, \$600 to audit, or \$425 for first-time auditors. To register, email Parker Cotton at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu, or visit icscanada.edu/winter-courses to learn more. Options are: Material Spirituality: Rethinking Religion (with Neal DeRoo); Rhetoric as Philosophy from Isocrates to the Age of Abelard and Heloise (with Bob Sweetman); God in Flesh and Blood: Revolutions in Christology (with Nik Ansell); Deeper Learning: From Wonder to Inquiry to Practice (with Edith van der Boom);

and How to Govern a School (with Gideon Strauss). A discounted Team Audit option is available for groups; email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu for details.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to hono(u)r the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Start the New Year with a Study - Join one of our Global Coffee Break Online Zoom Studies. Here is your opportunity to participate in a CRCNA resource led by their team. Space is limited. Men, women and young adults welcome. Go to Globalcoffeebreak.org/events for more information and to register!

Community News

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.

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

	January 5th	January 12th
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe V
Nursery Attendant	Amy D	Alida H
Snack Provider	Michelle V	Sara B
Server	Michelle V	Sara & Eric B