

# First Christian Reformed Church

Waupun, Wisconsin

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts with praise.”  
Psalm 100:4*

## *Welcome*

In Christ we welcome all who need comfort, friendship, and hope. Our worship is designed to honor God as well as encourage and feed His people. We hope and pray that God will speak to you today.

If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. If you would like further information about our church, there are care cards located on the back inside cover of the gray songbook. Please fill in the information, place it in the offering bag, and we will be in touch with you.

## *Our Vision*

With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

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# 9:30 AM Worship

## Prelude

**Call to Worship:** led by Praise Team #3

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**All: “with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.”**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All: “your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.”**

Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

**All: “Praise the Lord!”**

**Opening Song of Praise:** led by Praise Team #3

**God’s Will For Our Lives:** “Lord’s Day 32, Heidelberg QA #86” G901 responsively

Leader: We have been delivered from our misery by God’s grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

**All: To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us.**

**And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

**Song of Dedication:** “Praise Him, Praise Him” R188 vs. 1

(Children may come forward for the Children’s Lesson during this song.)

**Children’s Message:** led by Brian O’Donovan

(Afterwards, children aged 3-6 may leave for Children’s Worship in the basement.)

**Song of Preparation:** “Learning to Lean” R534 vs. 1

**\*Scripture:** James 2: 14-26

**Sermon:** “Prepare For Rain”

**Prayer of Application** (singing) “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” G262 vs. 1-4

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** Faith Promise

**\*Parting Song:** “Oh Bless The Gifts” R817

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** “Glory Be To The Father” G635

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## 7:00 PM Worship

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Time of Praise:** led by Joe Venhuizen

**Pastoral Prayer:** led by Brian O'Donovan

**\*Scripture:** Mark 2:1-12

**Message:** "Stand Up and Walk"

**Prayer of Application**

**\*Song of Response:** "Jesus is Lord of All" R599 vs. 1-3

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** "Apostles' Creed" G813

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Local Budget

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** "Salvation Belongs To Our God" (see screen)

**\*Postlude**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

***Greeters***

Steve & Marilyn Mulder

***Library***

Faith Miedema

Nancy Wierenga

Sandy Greenfield

***Nursery***

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshiping with us. Please fill out a "Care Card" found in the back of the gray Psalter Hymnal and drop it in the offering bag. The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Inform an usher if you prefer a large print bulletin, and feel free to check one of the "Visitor" mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.

## Worship Notes

This evening we welcome Pastor Kevin Edlefson from The Garden in Fond du Lac as he leads us in worship while Pastor Craig enjoys an evening off.

**Verse of the Week: James 2:26** "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."

## Church Family



**Congratulations to Dave & Jessica De Jager** on the birth of a son, Kaedon Bryce, on February 7.

**Harry Homan** was able to return home from the hospital on Monday. He has moderate pain (which is normal) and is doing well.

**Casey Derksen** will be leaving for Ft. Bliss near El Paso, TX, on Saturday. Please remember him your prayers as he continues his training before being deployed overseas. His mailing address is not known at this time, but will be listed when it becomes available.



**Finding it difficult** to know what to write when it's your turn to send a letter to one of our missionaries? Letter writing doesn't always come easy; yet all of us can send an email, a greeting card, or a picture. From the reports we receive from the missionaries, it is not so much the extent of the effort as it is the thought of being remembered that speaks to those who are serving so far from home.

**We rejoice with the following** who will celebrate an anniversary or birthday this week:

<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Feb.</u>		<u>Feb.</u>
Sam & Beth Daane	17	Morris & Bea Te Grootenhuis	18
<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Feb.</u>		<u>Feb.</u>
Alexis De Jager	15	Collin Doerr	18
Martin Miedema	16	Eric Mulder	18
Thomas Venhuizen	16	Jerry Tjepkema	18
Vada Hofman	17	Andrea Buwalda	19
Gretchen Schaver	17		

*Congratulations*

## Church News

### Council notes from February 9, 2009:

1. After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to send Pastor Craig and Elder John Bronkhorst as delegates to examine two women who desire to be examined by our Classis. Next month the council will discuss where we stand on the issue. See your mailslot for further information.
2. The council approved a motion allowing all professing members, regardless of their age, to have full voting rights within our church.
3. The council approved a motion to include a prayer list with the bulletin each week. Marla will coordinate this effort. Requests can be made by leaving a note in the "De Jager, Marla – Church Office" narthex mailslot, calling the church office (please leave a message on the answering machine if needed), emailing the church office, or submitted a request via the website. All requests will remain on the prayer list until notified otherwise.
4. A motion was approved to have a Maundy Thursday service this year in place of Good Friday service.
5. Financial reports were presented by the Deacons showing fund balances of \$30,462.73 in the General Fund, \$8729.99 in the Building Fund, \$2711.52 in the Faith Promise Fund, and \$6181.46 in the Benevolent Fund.



Starting today, the **large-print bulletins** will be located in the sanctuary bulletin rack rather than the narthex rack. Left-over copies of the previous week's bulletin will be put in the bottom slot of the narthex rack.

Please help us keep the **church newsletter** full of interesting bits of information by sharing with us—we need your help! Articles can be emailed to Lois at [muldelj@powercom.net](mailto:muldelj@powercom.net) or placed in her mailslot today.

**Choir rehearsal** will be held in the sanctuary after this morning's service. New members are always welcome.



**SWaT** will meet in the basement today for a regular meeting at 5:45 PM and then will attend church together. We will be having a guest speaker this month! Snacks for the meeting are: bars – Jordan / Emilie; soda (2 2-liters) - Jamison/Beth; cups/napkins – Trevor.

**Friendship Bible Study** will meet at Bethel CRC tomorrow. Kids (ages 7-18) at 5:45-6:45 PM; Adults at 7:00-8:00 PM.



**GEMS** will meet for Badge Night this Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at Bethel CRC.

**Cadets** will meet for a regular meeting this Wednesday, 6:45-8:45 PM, at the CWC Elementary Campus.



### Advanced Reminders/Notices:

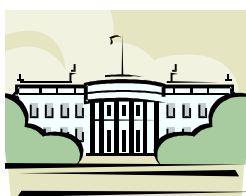
- During the Lenten season (beginning March 1), the evening services will use a large-group Bible study format in place of the sermon. The goal is to get involvement from the congregation; however, members will not be put in uncomfortable positions. The

council hopes that this will cause members to dig into scripture and have a renewed thirst for God's Word.

- The Annual Day of Prayer combined service will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 PM at Alto CRC
- The Maundy Thursday combined service will be held here at 7:00 PM on April 9.
- The Good Friday combined service will be held at Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM on April 10.
- The Easter evening combined service will be held at Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM on April 12 and will include an Easter cantata

## **Community**

There will be **no Coffee Break/Story Hour** at Bethel CRC this Wednesday. They will resume on February 25



**Have you always wanted to tour the great sights of Washington, DC?** This June is your chance to celebrate the heritage of our nation's capitol, and not worry about the planning!! Mark Buteyn and Gregg Zonnefeld, teachers at Central Wisconsin Christian, have been taking student and adult groups to Washington for nearly ten years. The 2009 trip is scheduled for June 4-8 and includes airfare, hotel accommodations, and much more. To find out more, an informational meeting is being held this Wednesday at 6:30 PM in Room 124 of the Fox Lake Road Campus of Central Wisconsin Christian. To find out more, contact Mark (318.1116) or Gregg (318.1349).

**A very big thank you** to all who brought in food for the Bargains Galore renovation project. The volunteer workers have enjoyed all the delicious food. As we are well into the third phase of the renovation and have completed the second round of volunteers for food, we are looking for some new people to bring in some food for these guys and gals that come faithfully to make the renovation possible. The month of February is filled for two weeks, but after that we will be calling the volunteers for food for the third time. If you could help us out, please call Ann, 324-3767. Some ladies have been working as a team to bring in food. If that works for you, please partner with someone and let me know. Hope to hear from you.



**Central Wisconsin Christian School is currently planning its early childhood learning programs for the upcoming 2009.2010 school year.** Parents interested in having your child attending Kingdom Kids Preschool (4-year old kindergarten) or our regular 5-year old kindergarten are asked to please call the school at 324-2721 as soon as possible to get your child's name on the list for fall. CWC is a 4K-12 program located on two campuses in Waupun that has been offering high quality, Christ-centered education for more than 60 years, helping kids "see today's world through God's eyes."

- **Kingdom Kids Preschool** (must be 4 years old to enroll) offers a three-day (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) and two-day (Tuesday/Thursday) option, with classes held at our McKinley Street campus. We will have an Open House for Kingdom Kids Preschool Monday, April 20. Families who have registered will be sent a reminder

letter in early April. Registration forms will be sent following your phone inquiry at 324.2721.

- **Our 5-year old kindergarten class** (must be 5 by September 1, 2009) offers a unique transitional program aimed to meet the needs of young learners. Full-day classes meet for three days during the first semester, add a fourth day in the third quarter and meet for five days for the final quarter. Our Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for Thursday, April 23. Please call us at 324.2721 to learn more.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Prayer Request:** One of the greatest needs in Latin America is for trained pastors. Many church leaders are unable to attend pastor training workshops because of finances or distance. Please pray that Back to God Ministries International Spanish language video resources being developed will help equip pastors to disciple people who are coming to faith in Christ.

**Program Consultant Malawi:** The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee has an opening for a Program Consultant in Malawi. For more information regarding this position, or to apply, please visit [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org) or [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org). Application deadline is March 9.

**Micah Network Conference Logistician** is being recruited by the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. This volunteer position is based in Nairobi, Kenya and would require approximately 3 months of your time beginning in May 2009. Preference would be for someone who is able to communicate in French and who has strong administrative and communication skills. If this sounds interesting to you, then we would love to hear from you! Please contact the CRWRC Service Learning office at 800-552-7972 or [servicelearning@crcna.org](mailto:servicelearning@crcna.org)

## **Church Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	10:45 AM	4-year old through 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School/Catechism
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	5:45 PM	SWaT
<b>Mon:</b>	5:45 PM	Kid's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
<b>Wed:</b>	6:30 PM	GEMS at Bethel CRC
	6:45 PM	Cadets at CWC Elementary Campus
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

## **This Morning's Worship**

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Kelli Durant

Helpers: Thomas Venhuizen

Cody Zonnefeld

### **Greeters**

George & Karen Aalsma

### **Nursery**

Dominique Van Hill

Joe Venhuizen

### **Ushers**

Dale Huizenga

Seth Huizenga

Jacob Mulder

Thomas Venhuizen

### **Missionary Letters**

Dan Montsma to Daryl Pfantz

Pete Montsma to Brother Bob

Jason Morgan to Chaplain Peter<sup>+</sup>

*<sup>+</sup>Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.*

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## **Next Week's Worship**

### **Accompanist**

AM – Laura Ten Pass

PM – Cara Aylesworth

### **Car Pool**

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

### **Children's Message**

Ken Homan

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Lexi De Jager

Joe Bresser

### **Greeters**

AM – Steve & Rose Homan

PM – Randy & Brenda Kamphuis

### **Library**

Rose Homan

Allegra Bossenbroek

Jan De Vries

### **Musical Praise**

Praise Team 2

### **Nursery**

AM – Charlie, Lori, & Brandon Kitchner

PM – Andrea Buwalda

Jacob Mulder

### **Offering**

AM – Education Fund

PM – Classical Ministry Shares

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Al Venhuizen

### **Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

### **Ushers**

Dale Huizenga

Seth Huizenga

Jacob Mulder

Thomas Venhuizen

### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

# On the Road Some More

February 6

To our faithful and patient friends and co-workers:

We have already shared part of this with some of you, but wanted to be sure of sufficient understanding and to update everyone as Neen and I solicit your prayers as we step-up our travel-to-prison plans.

At the risk of some kind of “Woe is Us” message, travel here is (at best) difficult.

Added to uncertain schedules and the reality of the lack of safety, there are the literal bumps and grinds, pushing and shoving of the doing. Modes are various – small boats, some commercial and some more like oversized dug-outs, buses, vans, jeepneys, tricycles (motorcycle w/side-car) and trisikads (bicycle w/side car). All are crowded, and all are Filipino in seating size and capacity.

If there is preventive maintenance, it is not apparent. Things go until they break wherever you might be.

Road obstacles abound - children pouring out of school to always ignored no-passing zones. Good roads are rare and that taken for granted in America simply is not. These high and low ways skirt mountain sides and plunge through busy city streets and squatter districts, and we have long ago concluded that speed limit signs are for visual effect.

All of this is magnified by distance and the ever-present blessings of the aging process. (On a typical day to three prisons we might spend six to eight hours in transport)

Yet this also brings the joy of witnessing inmate's awesome silence in the presence of God's Word and the reassurance of seeing God's hand in what we do.

We began this with wanting to tell you why we are not always as immediately responsive to your emails as we might like and concluded with something beyond. PTL. We're on the road more now and as God sees fit - hope to increase the privilege as we give thanks for, among other things, you who stand with us in so many ways.

Brother Bob and Neen