



11/29/09

# 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, log onto the church website or contact Pastor Craig or the church office.

## ***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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Church Secretary Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM–3 PM  
Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon  
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# 6:50 PM Worship

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

## **Prelude**

**Songs of Praise** led by The Reflections

**Prince of Peace Sequence** with responsive reading (see screen) R246-249

“Let’s Worship and Adore Him”

“I Extol You”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**\*Call to Worship:** Isaiah 9:2 - while lighting the first candle of Advent

“I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*God’s Greeting**

**Prayers of the People** led by Keith Venhuizen

**Offering:** Local Budget

**\*Song of Preparation:** “Love Has Come!” R256 vs.1-2

**\*Affirmation of our Faith:** “Apostles’ Creed” G813

**We Study God’s Word:**

Isaiah 8:5-10

Isaiah 8:19 - 9:7

**Message:** “A Light in the Darkness”

**Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** “Love Has Come!” R256 vs. 3

**\*Postlude**

## Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. 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

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions—past, present, and future.

*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.”*  
*Isaiah 9:2a*



Our morning’s worship will be a combined Mission Emphasis service at the CWC Secondary Campus hosted by Bethel. The guest speaker will be Rev. Steve Van Zanen, son of Liz Van Zanen and Director for Missions Education & Engagement at Christian Reformed World Missions.

There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes this morning.

Remember to arrive **10 minutes early this evening** for an extended time of praise. **Thanks to Alvin Venhuizen** for leading this evening’s worship as Pastor Craig enjoys his monthly respite.

## Our Family

“Many thanks to everyone for your prayers and love shown as I have joined the church family once again.” – **Kathryn Hinkes**



**Thank you to everyone** who packed shoe boxes or gave a monetary donation towards the postage for Operation Christmas Child. **Thirty-seven** children will be blessed because of your generosity. Please continue to pray for those involved in collecting, processing, transporting, and delivering the shoe box gifts; as well as the children and their families who receive a shoe box gift.

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

**Anniversaries:**                      Nov  
Gene & Toni Hofman                      29

*Congratulations!*

**Birthdays:**                              Nov                              Dec  
Phylcia Bronkhorst                      29                      Steve Mulder                      3  
Leah Buteyn                              29                      Hollie Ten Pass                      4  
Melissa Wierenga                      29

## **Church News**



**GEMS** will have a club night this Wednesday at 6:30 PM at Bethel CRC.

**Cadets** will meet this Wednesday at 6:30-8:30 PM at the CWC Elementary Campus. (Note: The start and stop time has been adjusted to coincide with GEMS.)



**The Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday at 6:45 PM at Heidi's.

**Christian Fellowship** will meet at 5:00 PM this Thursday for supper at Spirits; then to Juneau for caroling with Wilma Navis.



### **Advanced Notices:**

- **December 13 PM:** Choir Cantata "Heaven & Earth Rejoice - A Christmas Worship Experience"
- **December 20 PM:** Sunday School Christmas Program "Manger King"
- **December 24 PM:** Christmas Eve Worship
- **December 31 PM:** New Year's Eve combined worship at Bethel CRC

## **Community Happenings**

**Stop and Shop!** Enjoy a cookie and a cup of hot apple cider at the Christian Home's Christmas Sale this Tuesday, 1:00-6:00 PM in the chapel/activity area. There will be many items to choose from, including home-made items and the brand new Christian Home cookbook.

## **Around the World**

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 31-April13):** Walk in the footsteps of Paul during the day and study his letters at night! Travel by motor coach and cruise ship to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys. Each evening features a study session on "Paul: His Life & His Letters." Join host Jeff Weima, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary for this truly inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-957-6019.

## **Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Combined Mission Emphasis Service @ CWC Secondary  
Campus Gym

**Wed:** 6:30 PM GEMS @ Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus  
6:45 PM Women's Bible Study @ Heidi's

**Thu:** 5:00 PM Christian Fellowship outing

**Next Sun:** 8:15 AM 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
8:45 AM First Fellowship

## **This Evening**

### ***Accompanist***

Laura Ten Pass

### **Greeters**

Keith & Sue Buwalda

### ***Library***

Angela Buwalda

Arlene De Jager

Jan De Vries

### **Nursery**

Kim Greenfield

Hollie Ten Pass

### **Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

### ***Transportation***

Percy De Vries

(324-4678)

Glen & Sandy Greenfield

(346-5152)

### ***Video Projection***

Lois Mulder

### **Missionary Letters**

Junice K. to Daryl Pfantz

Nicole K. to Brother Bob

Randy K. to Chaplain Peter<sup>+</sup>

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

## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – Cara Aylesworth

PM – Brenda Hofman

### ***Children's Message***

(You will be contacted)

### ***Children & Worship***

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Lynnae Smits

Trevor Zonnefeld

### ***Greeters***

AM – Larry & Trix Daane

PM – Gary, Katie, Lexi, & Aubryn De Jager

### ***Library***

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Linda Pausma

Sandy Greenfield

### ***Musical Praise***

Elaine Homan

### ***Nursery***

AM – Tabbie Vander Werff

Jason De Jager

Becca Smits

PM – Andrea Kamphuis

Breanna Smits

### ***Offering***

AM – Denominational Ministry Shares

PM – Building Fund

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Gregg Zonnefeld

### ***Sound System***

Glen Greenfield

### ***Transportation***

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

### ***Ushers***

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

## ***Video Projection***

Steve Wierenga

## **Notes & Prayer Requests**

# ***Prayer List***



## **Shut-Ins**

**Gerald Bossenbroek  
Ruby Buteyn  
Bea Heideman  
Eugene Kikkert  
Josie Looman  
Wilma Navis  
Jerry Tjepkema**

**Delia Buteyn  
Hazel Buwalda  
Junice Kamphuis  
Millie Kuiper  
Bud Navis  
Howard Te Beest  
Minnie Tobak**

## **Health Concerns**

**Bob Bille's father, Marvin, as he undergoes radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.**

## **Military**

**Wiebe & Ruth Buwalda's grandson, Peter Woreck (Afghanistan)  
Larry & Trix Daane's grandson, Jeff Daane (NAS Pensacola, FL)  
Sam Daane (Beal AFB, CA)  
Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing (Fort Carson, CO)  
Casey Derksen (Camp Taji, Iraq)  
Chaplain Peter Hofman (Fort Bragg, NC)  
Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry (Baghdad, Iraq)**

## **Requests**

Remember the **families of those who are imprisoned** (justly or unjustly).

**To add or remove a prayer request, please inform Marla.  
All requests will remain on the prayer list until notified otherwise.**