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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
CCLI License 865451

9:30 AM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 60:1-3 while lighting Advent candles (responsively)

Jesus said, "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 these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know; by the paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them. Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***Song of Praise:** "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" R244 vs. 1-2

***God's Greeting**

***We Greet Each Other**

God's Will – Reading of the Law Responsively: "As a Teacher of Sin" G1016

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands!

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

And God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Song of Preparation: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" R245 vs. 1-2

(Children aged 3 years through 4th grade may come forward for the Children's Message during the song.)

Children's Message led by Laura Venhuizen

(Afterwards, children aged 3-6 may leave for Children's Worship in the upstairs Youth Room.)

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" R245 vs. 3-4

***Scripture:** Isaiah 63:15 - 64:8

We Study God's Word: "Tear Open the Heavens

Prayer

***Response in Song:** "That Beautiful Name" R266 vs. 1-2

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering for Denominational Ministry Shares

***Benediction**

***Parting Song:** "Go, Light Your World" vs. 1 and 3 (see screen)

***Postlude**

7:00 PM Worship

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***God's Greeting**

Songs of Praise led by Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Ken Homan

Offering for the Building Fund

***Song of Preparation:** "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" R344 vs. 1 and 4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** Apostles' Creed G813

We Study God's Word: Genesis 8:13 - 9:17

Prayer

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** "He is Lord" G633

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Greeters

Gary, Katie, Lexi, & Aubryn
De Jager

Library

Winnोजean Scheuers
Linda Pausma
Sandy Greenfield

Nursery

Andrea Kamphuis
Breanna Smits

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)
Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

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 second Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future.

*"Arise, shine for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."*

Isaiah 9:2a



Verses of the Week: Isaiah 64:1-2 “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!”

Our Family

The offer on the Van Hill's house has fallen through once again. We rejoice that they received another offer although it is lower than what the bank is asking. Pray that the bank will be willing to accept this offer.

“We would like to thank the First CRC congregation for your generous donation of \$278 to Luke Society ministries. In this season of thanksgiving, we truly appreciate your support and partnership with us in encouraging this ministry to bring both physical and spiritual nourishment to people around the world. Your support of this ministry will enable it to continue to grow and touch lives in Jesus’ name.” - **The Luke Society**

We rejoice with the following who will celebrate a birthday this week:

| <u>Birthdays:</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <i>Congratulations!</i> | |
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| Darrall Schaver | 6 | | |
| Dominique Van Hill | 6 | Jolie Schouten | 7 |
| Lauren Durant | 6 | Grant Kamphuis | 8 |

Church News

If any bulletin announcements were omitted due to the office computer “crashing” this week, please ask Pastor Craig to announce it from the pulpit or resubmit it to Marla. Thank you.

Children's Bulletins are once again available in the back of church.

Youth Group: Please check your mailboxes today for a reminder of what you are asked to bring for the Senior Supper this Wednesday. If you have any problems, talk to Scott or Jen. Otherwise, we will see you here at 5:30 on Wednesday evening!

Sunday Night Bible Study will meet tonight at the Zonnefeld's at 5:00 for a Christmas Get-Together/Bible Study.

Packer Party! The Youth Group will be meeting at the Union at 7:00 PM tomorrow to watch the game. Pizza and pop will be provided.

Worship Committee will meet this Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Rhonda and Renae will have the meal.

Care Group 4 - remember we are caroling to some of our elderly members this Saturday evening. Please meet at church at 5:20. Please bring a dozen bars or cookies to share. Hope to see you there.

The adult choir will be presenting a Christmas worship cantata “**Heaven & Earth Rejoice - A Christmas Worship Experience**” next Sunday during the evening service. Please plan on joining us for this special event.

Christmas Program Practice will be held on Saturday, December 19, at 8:30 AM for **band students** and at 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM for the **Sunday School kids** that are participating in the program.

Friendship Bible Study will hold their Christmas Social on Monday, December 21.

Advanced Notices:

- 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

MOPS Moms: Our next meeting is this Thursday at 6:30-8:30 PM at Bethel CRC. Remember your pictures for our calendar project and a gift for the exchange. Call Sara at 324-1086 or Rachelle at 324-3580 if you have questions or if you are in need of childcare. Hope to see you there!!

Former Audio Adrenaline band members Mark Stuart and Will McGinniss, known as **AUDIO UNPLUGGED**, are coming to The Union Youth Center this Saturday. They are singing some of there old Audio Adrenaline songs, telling stories of their life in a band and leading praise & worship. Tickets are available at Reach Out Books (Fond du Lac), Basic Bookstore (Oshkosh), Vineyard (Beaver Dam), Central Wisconsin Christian High School & the Waupun Pizza Ranch.

December 15 marks the date of CWC’s Middle and High School Music Department’s **Night of Christmas Praise** in the Secondary Campus gym at 7:00 PM. Those performing include the Middle School band and choir, Junior Choir, New Generation Singers, Senior Choir, and the High School band. Take some time out of your busy schedule to sit back and reflect on our newborn Savior as these students offer their talents up in praise.

Do you need help wrapping your Christmas gifts this year? Our MOPS group would like to help! We will be offering **FREE** gift wrapping at 5:30-8:30 PM on Thursday, December 17, at Bethel CRC. Bring your gifts in boxes ready to wrap and enjoy hot cocoa and treats while you wait. Call Sara at 324-1086 with any questions.

Around the World

As caretakers of Creation it is our responsibility to take care of this earth. The CRC's Office of Social Justice is reminding Christians that they will have a chance for their voices to be heard at the **United Nation's Climate Conference** in Copenhagen this December. For more information on the conference and how to advocate on behalf of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, visit: http://crcna.org/pages/osj_copenhagen.cfm.

Calendar

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| Today: | 8:15 AM | 11 th /12 th Grade Catechism |
| | 8:45 AM | First Fellowship |
| | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism |
| | 10:45 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 5:00 PM | Sunday Night Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Evening Worship |
| Mon: | 7:00 PM | Youth Group Packer Party @ the Union |
| Tue: | 6:00 PM | Worship Committee |
| Wed: | 6:30 PM | Senior Supper |
| Sat: | 5:20 PM | Care Group 4 Christmas Caroling |
| Next Sun: | 8:15 AM | 11 th /12 th Grade Catechism |
| | 8:45 AM | First Fellowship |

This Morning

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Lynnae Smits
Trevor Zonnefeld

Greeters

Larry & Trix Daane

Nursery

Tabbie Vander Werff

Jason De Jager

Becca Smits

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

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Ushers

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

Missionary Letters

Charlie K. to Daryl Pfantz⁺

Howard L. to Brother Bob

Martin M. to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Lois Mulder
PM – Laura Ten Pass

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg
Helpers: Den Vande Berg
Brandon Kitchner

Greeters

AM – John & Arlene De Jager
PM – Jack, Marla, Jason, & Jordan De Jager

Library

Lori Kitchner
Marcia Buteyn
Nancy Wierenga

Nursery

AM – Scott & Jen Ritzema
Anna Hofman
PM – Dominique Van Hill
Trevor Zonnefeld

Offering

AM – Local Budget
PM – Classical Ministry Shares

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Katie De Jager

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

Pray that the bank will accept the new offer on the **Van Hill's house** soon.
Pray that **each member of our congregation will shine brightly for the Lord** as we witness in our community through our words and actions.

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

“Cannon to right of them, Cannon to left of them, Cannon in front of them
Volley'd & thunder'd;
Storm'd at with shot and shell, Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death, Into the mouth of Hell
Rode the six hundred”
(From the “Charge of the Light Brigade” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

Greetings:

Typhoons and personal maladies; unpredictable Filipino scheduling and unreliable transportation on the right and yet God’s glory still shining through the darkness of the “jaws” of death.

Typhoons: More than 20 so far this year. The major impact of these storms always seem aimed at the Manila area - an hour’s flight north of us - but the “fringe benefits” continue to challenge us. Fifty people killed in a mudslide? No one seems too concerned. Keeping things moving and collecting fares seems the primary motive.

Maladies: We’ve both taken turns with the disorders that seem to particularly prosper in the filth of the prisons we attend yet are not unusual on the busses and pump boats we ride and in the boarding houses and “hotels” we attend.

Unpredictability Filipino scheduling: A warden decides on a special day for the inmates that exclude us - even though we are welcomed and our message received with open arms - but who never thinks to notify us as we often travel great distances only to find the doors closed.

Unreliable transportation: Vehicles that depart when they are full - be it five minutes or an hour. Not full enough? Cancellation and time lost as we are left to our own devices. Preventive maintenance? What’s that? When it breaks it stops.

More ... but you’re getting the idea, and I used to think a Wisconsin traffic tie-up was a problem.

AND THE JOY as somehow we are reminded and better understand God’s glory in being with us as we are sheltered in his protection and remembering the many God’s Word tells us have suffered for the sake of the Gospel before us and that we are more part of a privileged tradition than burdened.

Plenty of prayer food for you here as we give thanks for his faithfulness and you who stand with us.

Brother Bob and Neen