



12/20/09

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: 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 58:8 responsively while lighting candles (see screen)

Leader: 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."

People: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Leader: The LORD says to his servant, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***Songs of Praise:** "O Come All Ye Faithful" R249 vs. 1-3

***God's Greeting**

***We Greet Each Other**

God's Will: "Lord's Day 12" G873 responsively

#31 Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

#32 Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Song of Preparation: "Silent Night, Holy Night" R253 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: "Silent Night, Holy Night" R253 vs. 4

***Scripture** Isaiah 61:1-3 & Luke 4:14-21

Message: "The Gift of Good News"

Prayer

***Response in Song:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" G351 vs. 1-3

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering

1st: Faith Promise

2nd: Education Fund

***Parting Song:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" R271 vs. 1

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" R271 vs. 2

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Hollie Ten Pass

Luke Jansen

Greeters

Percy & Janice De Vries

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda

Jenna Hofman

Alexis De Jager

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Jason M. to Daryl Pfantz

Ben M. to Brother Bob

Bob M. to Chaplain Peter⁺

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

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.



Children's Bulletins are available in the back sanctuary rack.

Worship Notes

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

“The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.”
Isaiah 58:8d



This evening the Preschool through 6th Grade Sunday School children will present “Manger King.” Thank you children, Program Directory Heidi Smits, Music Director Kristi Zonnefeld, Accompanist Katie De Jager, and Sunday School teachers for leading us in this special time of worship of our newborn King!

Joy to the World—the Lord is come! Come, let us adore Him at our Christmas Eve worship at 7:00 PM this Thursday. Let's take time out of our busy holiday schedules and focus our hearts on the true reason for this wonderful season.

Verse of the Week: Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”

Our Family

The Poinsettias were given in loving memory of Norm Vande Streek, Mary Homan, and Jake & Etta Venhuizen.



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

<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<i>Congratulations!</i>	<u>Dec</u>
Dale Andrew	20	Gloria Rens	21
Neen Kocmoud	20	Brother Bob Kocmoud	22
Lorna O'Donovan	20	Jacob Hofman	23
Ryer Greenfield	21	Carol Greenfield	26

Please remember our military personnel and their families during this holiday season and throughout the new year.

Sam & Beth Daane

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Church News

Council Notes from December 14, 2009

1. Per her request, the membership of Helen Kooima has been released to Edgewood Community Church, Waupun.
2. Bill Hoekstra met with the council to explain the Wisconsin Classis "Classical Safe Church Team." Bill is the representative from our congregation. This team is being set up to deal with situations that arise within the churches. This team will deal with only abuse between adults because, according to state law, all incidents involving minors must be handled by state agencies. Approx. 50% of the denomination classis have implemented these teams and approx. 50% of all local churches have established a "Safe Church Team" within their congregations. When allegations of abuse dealing with people in leadership positions arise the "Classical Safe Team" will talk with those involved in the complaint. The advisory panel will then look into the facts and refer back to the local council. More meetings are scheduled in the near future. Thanks, Bill, for your work on the committee.
3. Please fill out the Faith Promise sheets that were in your mailboxes last week and hand them in by December 27.
4. Classis Wisconsin has asked each council to study and discuss the Belhar Confession. It appears that this new Confession will be adopted in the coming years. The results of the study are then to be forwarded to Classis Wisconsin. Our council will be discussing this in the near future. If you are interested you can find more information on the CRCNA website or pick up a copy from the narthex counter.
5. The Social Committee announces that the movie "Come What May" will be shown in our church on Friday, January 29, 2010. This is a powerful presentation about abortion.
6. Now that winter is once again here we are reminded of the church's "Cancellation Policy" when bad weather occurs. In the event there is a cancellation, it will be

- a. posted on the church web site (www.waupuncrc.com),
- b. called into the Beaver Dam or Waupun radio station(s),
- c. recorded on the church's answering machine (324-2898).

Members wishing to also receive a phone call should make arrangements with their district elder. The complete Cancellation Policy can be found on page 4 in the new 2009-2010 directory.

Monthly Budget Update
Month ending November 2009

Fund	Year to Date Receipts	Year to Date Budget	Difference
Local Budget*	52,432.91	56,166.00	(3,733.09)
Denominational Ministry Shares	8,578.57	30,900.00	(22,321.43)
Classical Ministry Shares	5,126.52	8,321.00	(3,194.48)
Faith Promise Fund**	5,966.04	7,500.00	(1,533.96)

*Local Budget balance = \$2,985.89 (after Designated funds are withdrawn)

**Faith Promise Balance = (\$206.94)

2010 Devotional Day Planners from Mission India are available on the narthex counter for anyone wishing one.



Friendship Bible Study will hold their Christmas Social this Monday, 6:30 PM at Bethel CRC.

Revised Office Hours: Thursday only, 10 AM – 3 PM.



Look over the 2010 Faith Promise pamphlet that was in your mailslot last week. The numerous missions supported through this fund remain the same as last year. Please remember that these are NOT supported through our Local Budget or the ministry shares – your pledge and faithful support are vitally important! Please prayerfully consider how much the Lord would have you commit to these important causes and deposit your pledge slip in a mailbag or the narthex “RETURN” mailslot by next Sunday. Thank you.



Needed: Items for the next issue of *First Family Ties*. Do you have a favorite old photo you are willing to share? Do you have a recipe that needs sharing? Maybe you know something about another member that is newsworthy, or your child has written something worth sharing.... Please help us keep the 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 or placed in her mailslot by next Sunday.

There will be **no Sunday School/Catechism classes** next week or January 3.

Special Holiday Services: Our New Year's Eve worship will be a combined service at 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC.

Community Happenings



Singles, couples, and families who would be alone on Christmas are invited to dinner at 12 noon on Christmas day at the Wesley Center. For reservations, call 324-2623 or 928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area.

The Dordt College Concert Band from Sioux Center, IA will present a concert Saturday, January 9, at the CWC Secondary Campus. This 7:00 PM concert is part of a three-state music tour, with performances scheduled in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The 47-person band and several smaller ensembles will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Hanson, Humperdinck, and Gershwin. Admission to the concert is free, with a free-will offering being received to help defray tour expenses.



Around the World

Last Minute Gift Ideas: Give a gift of food or shelter, or gifts that help to spread the good news of salvation through the agencies of the Christian Reformed Church. Go to crcna.org/gift to see our online gift guide, CRWRC gift catalog and World Missions project giving guide.

Calendar

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
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
Mon:	6:30 PM	Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tue:		No office hours
Thu:	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Next Sun:	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

This Evening

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Greeters

Travis, Sarah, Collin, & Brayden Doerr

Library

Allegra Bossenbroek

Faith Miedema

Marge Vande Streek

Nursery

Dan & Gladys Montsma

Cody Zonnefeld

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Christmas Eve

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Greeters

Joe, Karen, & Kelli Durant

Nursery

Charlie, Lori, & Brandon Kitchner

Offering

Benevolent Fund

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Junice Rens

PM – Cara Aylesworth

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: Beth Andrew

Helpers: Lexi De Jager

Tyler Jansen

Greeters

AM – Lauren Durant

Grace Hartgerink

PM – Scott, Ashley, Melissa, & Shelby Fry

Library

Linda Pausma

Jan De Vries

Sandy Greenfield

Musical Praise

Praise Team 3

Nursery

AM – Allen, Lisa, Josie, & Jack Stahmann

PM – Katie De Jager

Thomas Venhuizen

Offering

AM – Local Budget

PM – Luke Society

Pastoral Prayer

Al Venhuizen

Sound System

Dan Scheuers

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

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

Kathryn Hinkes as she deals with 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)

Thanks

Thank God for **families**, and ask His blessing on the many get-togethers that will be occurring during the holiday season.

Requests

Pray that the bank will accept the new offer on the **Van Hill's house**.

Please pray for the millions of Chinese children who have never heard the story of the Savior's birth. Pray that through distribution of a new **children's Chinese music DVD produced by Back to God Ministries International**, these children would come to know Jesus and His great love for them.

Prayer for the Nations: In celebration of this year's Winter Olympics, Christian Reformed World Missions has created five minute prayer video, highlighting ways to pray for countries represented in the Olympics and the ministries of CRWM. To download the video, visit www.crwmm.org/flags.

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