

# **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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Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon  
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## 9:30 AM Worship

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

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

\***Song of Praise:** “Be Unto Your Name” (see screen)

### \*God’s Greeting

### \*We Greet Each Other

**Ministry of Music** by Kelli Heeringa: “Here with Us”

**God’s Will:** Exodus 23:1-9

**Song of Preparation:** “For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free” vs. 1-2 (see screen)  
(Children aged 3 years through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 of Preparation:** “Tell Me the Story of Jesus” R295 vs. 1 & 3

\***Scripture:** Galatians 4:1-7

**We Study God’s Word:** “Children, Not Slaves”

### Prayer

“**Response in Song:** “One Day” R294 vs. 1, 2 and 5

### Congregational and Offertory Prayer

**Offering** for the Local Budget

### \*Benediction

\***Doxology:** “Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” G319 vs. 1-2

### \*Postlude

### **Accompanist**

Junice Rens

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Beth Andrew

Helpers: Lexi De Jager  
Tyler Jansen

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Kevin & Andrea Buwalda

### **Greeters**

Lauren Durant  
Grace Hartgerink

### **Nursery**

Allen, Lisa, Josie, & Jack  
Stahmann

### **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

### **Missionary Letters**

Eric M. to Daryl Pfantz<sup>+</sup>  
Josephine M. to Brother Bob  
Lois M. to Chaplain Peter

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

## 6:50 PM Worship

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

### \*God's Greeting

**Songs of Praise** led by Praise Team 3

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

**Prayers of the People** led by Brian O'Donovan

**Offering** for the Luke Society

**\*Song of Preparation:** "My God, How Wonderful  
You Are" G499 vs. 1, 3, 6

**\*Scripture:** Luke 2:39-52

**Message:** "And Growing"

### Prayer

**Song of Response:** "Lord, Speak to Me That I  
May Speak" G528 vs. 1, 2, 4

### \*Benediction

**\*Doxology:** "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues To Sing" G501 vs. 1 & 7

### \*Postlude

### **Accompanist**

Cara Aylesworth

### **Greeters**

Scott, Ashley, Melissa, & Shelby  
Fry

### **Library**

Linda Pausma  
Jan De Vries  
Sandy Greenfield

### **Nursery**

Katie De Jager  
Thomas Venhuizen

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## 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

This evening we welcome **Rev. Don Boss** as he leads us in worship while Pastor Craig enjoys his monthly respite.

**As the New Year approaches** our minds naturally turn to things we would like to accomplish or change in the coming year. This evening will give us the opportunity to



“put it on paper”. As you enter the sanctuary you will find paper, envelopes and pencils to so each person can write down our thoughts. (Parents encourage your children to participate also.) Maybe you want to initiate a family game night or to start eating healthier. Whatever you write down will be between you and the Lord. You will put the paper in the envelope, seal it and put your name on the front. We will then lay our prayers, requests and promises “at the foot of the cross”.

**Verse of the Week: Galatians 4:4-5** “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

## **Our Family**

**Dear Congregation:** Please accept my apology for failing to include the following announcement in last week’s bulletin. – Marla

“Even though we are unable to send out Christmas cards this year, we still would like to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.” – **Clayton & Ruby Buteyn**

We extend our sympathies to the **Jeanette Tjepkema family and friends** in the passing of Jerry this past Tuesday. May you feel the Lord’s loving arms around you during this time of loss. Visitation will be today from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Kohl’s Community Funeral Home and here at church on Monday from 10:00 AM until the 11:00 AM funeral service.

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

<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b>	<b><u>Dec</u></b>
Aron & Laura Mc Reynolds	29

***Congratulations!***

<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>	<b><u>Dec</u></b>		<b><u>Jan</u></b>
Lucas Morgan	27	Jennifer Morgan	1
Harm Venhuizen	28	Brenda Kamphuis	2
Keren Derksen	29		
Dave Venhuizen	29		
Lori Venhuizen	31		

## **Church News**

**Faith Promise pledges are due today.** Please remember that these ministries are NOT supported through our Local Budget or the ministry shares. Place your pledge slip in the offering bag or the narthex “RETURN” mailslot.



**Newsletter articles are due today.** Place your submissions in Lois’ mailslot or email it to her at muldelj@powercom.net.

There are **no Sunday School/Catechism classes** today or next week.



The will be **no office hours this week**. Bulletin announcement are still due by noon on Thursday and can be emailed to church or left in Marla's narthex mailslot or on the office answering machine. Thank you.

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

**The Senior Supper** has been rescheduled for February 17. Be sure to mark you calendar for this evening of fun times and great food!

**Community Happenings**

**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.



**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group:** Are you caring for someone, or does someone you love have Alzheimer's disease or another dementia? We invite you to attend our support group for caregivers: a safe supportive place where people listen and understand; a place to obtain information about dementia and caring for those you love. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11, at 6:00 PM at The Christian Home (Room 200 in the CLC). A Light supper and beverages are provided. For information or the dates for the year 2010 meetings contact Fawn Senn CSW or Pastor Wick Hubers, Chaplain at (920) 324-9051. (Jointly sponsored by Alzheimer's Association of SE Wisconsin and The Christian Home & Rehab Center.)

**Around the World**

**Calvin College: The next Festival of Faith and Writing** will take place on April 15-17. Speakers include Eugene Peterson, Parker Palmer, Kate DiCamillo, Mary Karr, Stephen Carter, Avi, Wally Lamb, and many others. Group discounts are available for book clubs and church-affiliated groups. Reserve today by registering online at [www.calvin.edu/festival](http://www.calvin.edu/festival). For more information, contact the Festival office by phone at 616.526.6770 or by e-mail at [ffw@calvin.edu](mailto:ffw@calvin.edu).

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	6:50 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Mon:</b>	11:00 AM	Jerry Tjepkema funeral
<b>Tue:</b>		No office hours
<b>Thu:</b>		No office hours
	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship @ Bethel CRC
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:45 AM	First Fellowship



## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – (You will be contacted)

PM – (You will be contacted)

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

Laura Venhuizen

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

Teacher: Dominique Van Hill

Helpers: Jason De Jager

Lucas Vander Berg

### ***Fellowship Coffee***

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

### ***Greeters***

AM – Kevin & Andrea Buwalda

PM – Glen & Sandy Greenfield

### ***Library***

Marcia Buteyn

Angela Buwalda

Winnnojean Scheuers

### ***Musical Praise***

Tyler Ten Pass

### ***Nursery***

AM – (You will be contacted)

PM – (You will be contacted)

### ***Offering***

AM – Local Budget

PM – Denominational Ministry Shares

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Keith Venhuizen

### ***Sound System***

(You will be contacted)

### ***Transportation***

Randy Kamphuis (324-2160)

Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-1246)

### ***Ushers***

Keith Buwalda

Jordan De Jager

Ray Hofman

Ben Homan

## ***Video Projection***

Marla De Jager

## **Notes & Prayer Requests**

## **Christmas Greetings!**

The geological turmoil we have experienced through most of 2009 seems finally at rest. The cool Filipino December nights are now the closest reminder of the winters I once knew with its snow and that Neen will probably never experience. And while many of you may struggle with that white winter blessing, it is something I always loved and sometimes wonder if I will ever know again.

Yet while the climes of this weary old world vary widely, the Jesus whose arrival in that world who we remember and celebrate now remains ever-faithfully with us wherever we are—bringing us his blessings found in a peace and joy that defies the meager words of many of the almost rote Holiday Greetings we witness.

His is a joy born of sacrifice and suffering that echoes—but only echoes for us—the reality of the life of the One we celebrate. And while the world seeks a joy more akin to happiness and contentment, our wish and indeed our hope for each of you is a new and deeper insight into the joy only the Lord can provide to those who show their love for Him founded in his service on his terms and according to the standard He shared for all who truly seek.

And thanks be to Him and to the many of you who stand with us in the knowledge of that joy.

Brother Bob and Neen

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## **Christmas 2009**

Dear friends,

I recently saw a Time Magazine cover with this headline: “The Decade From Hell”. The article gave a detailed time line of world events occurring in the past 10 years, seemingly bookended by September 11 on one end and the current economic crisis on the other. Some of the events included the contested U.S. presidential election of 2000, the war in Iraq, the Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and Guantanamo Bay. Looking at it from that perspective, boy, was it depressing!

Thankfully the Christmas season is here to snap me back to reality—the reality that God, and not humans, is in control of the world. The reality that the answer to evil, corruption, and oppression in the world is found in the Babe of Bethlehem. The reality that through the great work of Bible translation, this Good News is getting out into the world, one language at a time.

May this reality be yours in this busy time of year. Merry Christmas!

Mary for the Pfantzes

P.S. Dunc has just arrived home from another translation workshop in Nigeria. More news about that and a short trip to Papua New Guinea this summer will be coming up in our January newsletter

## ***Prayer List***

### **Shut-Ins**

**Gerald Bossenbroek  
Ruby Buteyn  
Bea Heideman  
Eugene Kikkert  
Josie Looman  
Wilma Navis  
Minnie Tobak**

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



### **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**.

As we focus on the wondrous gift of God's only Son instead of ourselves, pray that our congregation, as well as the church world-wide, will experience **unity in the Lord**.

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