

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

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

**Waupun, Wisconsin**

### ***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

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

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

**Song of Praise:** "The Love of God" R157 vs. 1  
& 3

### \*God's Greeting

### \*We Greet Each Other

**Baptism** of Kolten John Buwalda

**Song:** "Children of the Heavenly Father" G440  
vs. 1-4

### Congregational and Offertory Prayer

**Offering** for Local Budget

### \*Scripture:

Romans 5:6-8

John 3:16

Ephesians 1:7

**We Study God's Word:** "God's Love /  
Amazing Grace" (see outline)

### Prayer

**Song of Response:** "In Christ Alone" (see  
screen)

### \*Benediction

\*Parting Song by the Choir: "This is My Word"

### \*Postlude

### **Accompanist**

Cara Aylesworth

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Brenda Kamphuis

Helpers: Hollie Ten Pass

Trevor Zonnefeld

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

### **Greeters**

Phyllis Hofman

Grace Kamphuis

### **Nursery**

Dan & Gladys Montsma

Dylan Vander Berg

### **Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

### **Transportation**

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

### **Ushers**

Jason De Jager

Seth Huizenga

Tyler Ten Pass

Keith Venhuizen

### **Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

### **Missionary Letters**

Merle S. to Daryl Pfantz

Todd S. to Brother Bob

Steve S. to Chaplain Peter<sup>+</sup>

*+ Please pray especially for this  
missionary family this week.*

# God's Love / Amazing Grace

## **Scripture:**

Romans 5:6-8  
John 3:16  
Ephesians 1:7

## **Theme:**

Christ suffered and died to show the wealth of God's love and grace for sinners.

## **Outline:**

### **1. The degree of God's sacrifice for us.**

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

### **2. The degree of our unworthiness.**

Romans 5:7-8: "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

### **3. How then shall we live?**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

"The distinguishing mark of a true Christian is an overwhelming sense of indebtedness to Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us."

# 7:00 PM Worship

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

## Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Songs of Praise** led by Merle Schouten

**Prayers of the People** led by Ken Homan

**Offering** for Denominational Ministry Shares

**\*Scripture:** Acts 26:9-18

**We Study God's Word:** "Facing the Fullness of Grace"

## Prayer

**\*Song of Response:** "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone" (see screen)

**\*Affirmation of our Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 69-70, G890

#69 Q. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

A. **In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.**

#70 Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. **To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.**

**To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** "Praise and Thanksgiving" G631 vs. 1-3

**\*Postlude**

## 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.

The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Large-print bulletins and children's bulletins are available in the back sanctuary rack. Please feel free to check one of the "Visitor" mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.



## Worship Notes

We welcome **Rev. Howie Vande Guchte** this morning and **Evangelist Dave Katsma** this evening. May the Lord bless you as you lead us in worship of Him.

Today is the **first Sunday of Lent**—a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Congratulations to Kevin and Andrea Buwalda on the blessing of a son, **Kolten John**, born on February 12. This morning the covenant of God will be joyfully sealed to Kolten by holy baptism.



**This morning's offering is for the Local Budget**—to pay the church's operating expenses, which includes the minister's salary and living expenses, church utilities, support staff wages, and other supplies and services needed to run the church.

**This evening's offering will be for Denominational Ministry Shares** which support national and worldwide ministries designated by Synod. This fund currently supports Back to God Ministries International, Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary, Faith Alive Resources, Home Missions, World Missions, Specialized Ministries, Denominational Services, and Special Assistance.

## Our Family

**New email address:** Jason & Jenni Morgan  
jenandg@att.net



We thank the Lord that, after multiple trips to the emergency room last weekend, **Pastor Craig** was able to undergo laparoscopy surgery this past Tuesday to remove his gallbladder. Please remember him and his family in your prayers as he recuperates at home.

“We would like to thank everyone for all the support you gave our family over the past month. We truly felt the power of prayer. The prayers that were given on our behalf after the accident helped us in many ways. Thank-you Pastor Craig and Bob Mulder for the council you gave, those that came over to pray with us, the cards that were sent and the words of concern given were very much appreciated. Being a part of God's family is awesome. Thank you,” - **Keith and Susan Buwalda**

“A big THANKS to the SWaT Team for the treats you gave to the widows for Valentine’s Day. What a nice thing to do. There were so good.” - **Marge Vande Streek**

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

<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b>	<b><u>Feb</u></b>		<b><u>Feb</u></b>
Louie & Nancy Wierenga	23	Bob & Junice Rens	26
Dan & Clarissa Roets	24		
		<i><b>Congratulations!</b></i>	
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>	<b><u>Feb</u></b>		<b><u>Feb</u></b>
Jessica Laabs	25	Stella Hofman	27
Jeff Redman	26	Harry Homan	27
Melissa Ringwell	26	Lisa Stahmann	27

### **Church News**

**Council is seeking individuals willing to drive fellow members** to mid-week doctor appointments, etc., as needs arise. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or email the church office if you are willing to serve in this ministry.

**Do you have a passion for young people?** Would you like to be a part of a ministry that brings people to Christ? Then please prayerfully consider joining the board at the Union. Dave Venhuizen's term is coming to an end and we need someone to replace him. If you are interested, talk to him or Scott Ritzema.

### **Monthly Budget Update** **Month ending January 2010**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Local Budget*	78,062.96	78,633.00	<b>(570.04)</b>
Denominational Ministry Shares	10,631.82	43,261.00	<b>(32,629.18)</b>
Classical Ministry Shares	7,236.77	11,650.00	<b>(4,413.23)</b>
Faith Promise Fund**	13,029.29	10,500.00	<b>2,529.29</b>

\*Local Budget balance = \$7,659.57 (after Designated funds are withdrawn)

\*\*Faith Promise Balance = \$2,660.31

**First Family Ties articles are due.** Email your article to Lois at her new address (lois.mulder@att.net) or place it her mailslot today.



**Today's the last day to sign up for the church social outing** at Jud-Sons on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 PM. This is a great activity for all ages! Contact Steve or Melissa Wierenga with questions.

Monday, February 22, (yes, that's tomorrow night) Halle Group is sponsoring another **Cut-and-Tie Fleece night**; fleece blankets are being made and given to the Waupun Area Food Pantry for distribution. Two weeks ago we tied 22 blankets and hope to do a few more this time.



**Remember, this is not a women only night—and it's probably your last chance to help!** We can use lots of hands. Bring your scissors and your fingers to the church basement. We will be there from 6-9 PM, but come when you can. Questions? Talk to Allegra or Lois.

**Classis Wisconsin** will meet at 9:00 AM this Tuesday at Bethel CRC, Waupun. Pastor Craig and Elder Glen Greenfield will represent our church.



**The Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, 6:30 PM at Mary Nell's.

**The Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday, 7:00 PM, at the Union. Snack: Grant Kamphuis.

**Ladies' Night Out:** Ladies, this Friday is a night out to start or finish those craft projects you have lying around, and a great time to socialize with other women in our church family. There are lots of different projects, such as knitting, crocheting, scrapping, card making, needlework, beading, etc. We start at 6:30 PM but feel free to join us when you can. Hope to see you this Friday in the church basement. Any questions call Allegra 324-4055 or Lois Mulder 920-318-1723.

## School Notes

The Senior Class of CWCS will be hosting a **Waffle Breakfast** on Saturday, March 6, to raise money for their class trip. Delicious Dutch-American waffles will be served from 7:30–10:00 AM in the high school gym. Please purchase tickets ahead of time by contacting a member of the senior class as soon as possible.



**Coming Soon—Life School Musical:** The CWC Elementary school students are busy preparing for the spring musical, *Life School Musical*, to be presented March 19 at the secondary campus with performances at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. *Life School Musical* takes place in a classroom where kids get way beyond the “three R's” and, with the help of their colorful teacher Miss Knowsalot, learn the real keys to life ... the faith, hope and love found only in Jesus.

**CWC Craft-a-thon:** CWC will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> Craft-a-thon (formally the Stamp/Scrap-a-thon) event on April 9 & 10 at the secondary campus. We are inviting all crafters (scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, knitters, sewers, etc.) to join us for this enjoyable event. This is a great opportunity to start, work on, or finish those projects that you may have. This event runs Friday from 4:00 PM—12:00 AM, and Saturday

from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. The cost is \$40.00 for Friday or Saturday or \$70.00 for both days. The cost includes meals/snacks/drinks, use of stamp/scrapbooking tools, large table space to work, and fellowship with other crafters. Any questions contact Becky Vander Werff at [bvwsu@yahoo.com](mailto:bvwsu@yahoo.com) or 324-6040. Proceeds will be for the CWC Sophomore class.

## **Community Happenings**

**Christian Home Newsletters:** Check out the new format and look of the Christian Home's Newsletter! In an effort to be better stewards with their resources, we are not putting a newsletter in each mailslot. Please pick up your copy from the narthex counter. Thank you!

**Soup Supper:** The Youth Group at First Reformed Church at 422 W. Franklin Street in Waupun will be holding a soup and chili supper this Wednesday, February 24. Serving will be from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be taken to support youth group events throughout the year.



**Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer** of Fond du Lac County to receive a \$1,000 donation to the charity, school, or church of their choice. Nomination forms are available on the narthex counter and are due this Thursday.

The Waupun Area Clergy Group is planning a **Military Prayer Service** for May 23, and would like to include photos and information on members who have served or are currently serving on Active duty or Reserve status in the military. Please pick up an information sheet from the narthex counter if you are interested in having your information included.



## **Around the World**

**CRWRC Celebrates \$6 Million for Haiti:** Thank you for your prayers and donations for the people of Haiti. Of the \$6 million CRWRC has received for Haiti Response, over \$3.6 million can be matched by government and other organizations, making even more help available. To read the latest about how CRWRC is using these donations in Haiti, please visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org), or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) is currently working on a long term relief response for the people of Haiti. In so doing they are looking for **volunteer Structural Engineers** with preference given to those designated as Professional Engineers and specialized in concrete buildings. Main objective is to inspect existing structures. If this is of interest to you and you could commit to a three week placement, please contact the ServiceLink office at 800-730-3490 or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org) for further information.

Interested in serving cross-culturally? If you're a college student or a young adult interested in serving God cross-culturally this summer, visit [www.crwrc.org/smp](http://www.crwrc.org/smp) to learn about **Christian Reformed World Missions' volunteer opportunities**. Options

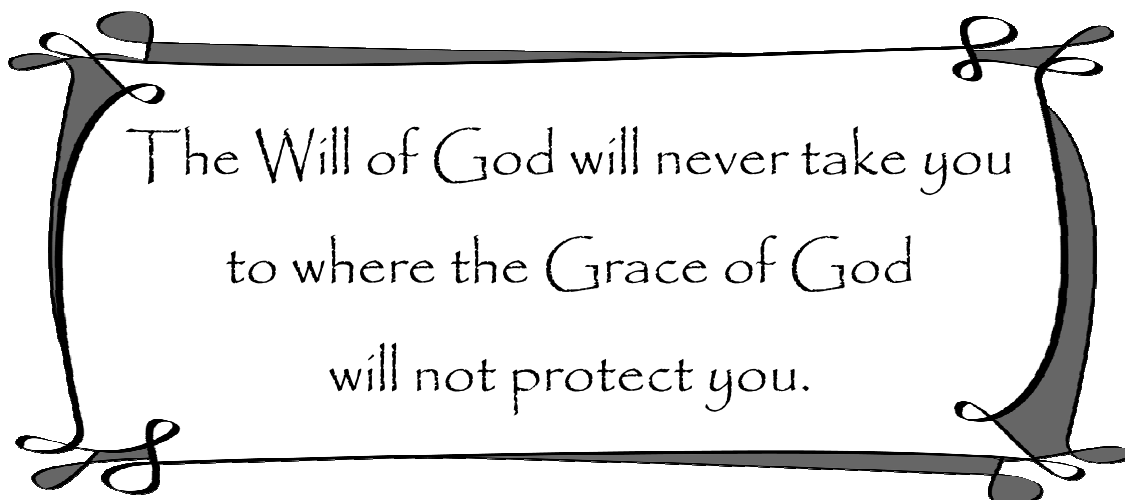
include jail ministry in Guatemala, worship workshops in the Ukraine, teaching opportunities in Nigeria, and more.

Calvin College invites CRC ministry leaders, lay and ordained, to a June 15-17 conference entitled, "**Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity.**" This event is planned in conjunction with the June merger assembly of the Reformed Ecumenical Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, hosted by the CRC on the campus of Calvin College. This is a global event with delegates from many continents. For further details, see: <http://www.calvin.edu/go/rcc>.

**New CRC Social Website:** There's a new way to connect with other CRC'ers about the nuts and bolts of "doing church." It's called The Network and, with more than 40 topic areas, you'll find something for everyone. Help get the discussion started by visiting [www.crcna.org/Network](http://www.crcna.org/Network)

### Calendar

<b>Today:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Easter Cantata Rehearsal @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Randolph Reformed
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Mon:</b>	6:00-9:00 PM	Cut-and-Tie Fleece Night (come when you can)
<b>Tue:</b>	9:00 AM	Classis Wisconsin @ Bethel CRC
<b>Wed:</b>	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study @ Mary Nell's
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ The Union
<b>Fri:</b>	6:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out (come when you can)
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship



**This Evening**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Greeters**

Ray & Brenda Hofman

**Library**

Linda Pausma  
Angela Buwalda  
Jan De Vries

**Nursery**

Kim Greenfield  
Andrea Kamphuis

**Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

**Transportation**

Percy De Vries (324-4678)  
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

**Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

AM – Junice Rens  
PM – Lois Mulder

**Children's Message**

Dominique Van Hill

**Children & Worship**

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff  
Helpers: Tyler Jansen  
Brandon Kitchner

**Fellowship Coffee**

Steve & Heidi Smits

**Greeters**

AM – Bill & Ann Hoekstra  
PM – Ken & Elaine Homan

**Library**

Marcia Buteyn  
Nancy Wierenga  
Allegra Bossenbroek

**Musical Praise**

Praise Team 2

**Nursery**

AM – Bonnie Vander Berg  
Becca Smits  
PM – Sue Buwalda  
Hollie Ten Pass

**Offering**

AM – Faith Promise  
PM – Classical Ministry Shares

**Pastoral Prayer**

Al Venhuizen

**Sound System**

Glen Greenfield

**Transportation**

Percy De Vries (324-4678)  
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

**Ushers**

Jason De Jager  
Seth Huizenga  
Tyler Ten Pass  
Keith Venhuizen

**Video Projection**

Steve Wierenga



## ***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**

### **Health**

Pray that **Charlie Kitchner** will no longer experience blood clots.

Pray for relief from neck pain for **Sandy Greenfield** and **Nancy Wierenga**.

Remember **Kathryn Hinkes** as she deals with cancer.

Pray for **Lois Mulder's brother, Mark**, as he prepares for a hip replacement in March.

Remember **Dewey and Don Pausma's brother-in-law, Hank Den Hollander**, as he struggles after a stem cell transplant for his Leukemia.

Pray for **Dewey & Lois Pausma's friend, Doris**, who is experiencing problems after cancer treatments.

Pray for continued recovery for **Merle Schouten** and **Pastor Craig**.

### **Military**

**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)

**Chaplain Peter Hofman** (Fort Bragg, NC)

**Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry** (Bahrain)

### **Requests**

Pray for the Lord's blessing on **Toni Hofman's brother, Mike**, as he works with a medical team in Haiti.

Pray for the **Olympic athletes**—that their hearts will be open to hearing the Gospel while in Canada.

Pray for the **Classis Wisconsin** meeting—for wisdom regarding the decisions that will be made.

Pray for strength for **those who struggle with an addiction**.

Pray for a teacher in Henan who uses **Back to God Ministries Chinese-English Today** to share the gospel with students. He writes, "Your English World website is very helpful to me too, for I am also learning English myself, just a few steps ahead of my students."

# Ministry Shares

## How a Little Church Does Big Things

Some other denominations are a little bit envious of the relatively small Christian Reformed Church in North America's ability to support such a wide range of ministries both at home and around the world.

Part of the explanation is something called "ministry shares," an arrangement by which large, small and medium-sized CRC congregations across the United States and Canada contribute a per-member assessment to help fund denominational ministries.

Ministry shares provide a steady stream of funding without the overhead costs associated with multi-million-dollar fundraising campaigns, says John Bolt, director of finance and administration for the CRC.

"This is an effective and efficient way for us to do ministry," Bolt says. "This is a program that allows everyone regardless of their financial capabilities to participate in a global ministry."

