

9/22/2019

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



Power for Mission

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. You will find a visitor card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag. If you would like further information about our church, check out our website at www.waupuncrc.com or contact the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or in the rack at the back of the sanctuary.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Vision Statement: 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.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday from 9:00–12 Noon

All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather In Worship

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Songs: "Living Hope"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession (Responsively)

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks. **Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Assurance of pardon

Our Lord Jesus Christ— truly God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous— is the mediator who was given to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

By the power of his divinity, he bore the weight of God's anger in his humanity, restoring us to righteousness and life.

Song: "Cry of my Heart"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local & CWCS

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

Leader: Emily Mulder

Jolie Schouten

Jaxon Buteyn

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary De Jager

Brian Van Herwaarden

Fellowship Coffee

Jim & Lois Groenewold

Greeters

Steve & Heidi Smits

Nursery

Noah & Mackenzie Mulder

Charlotte Buteyn

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

Missionary Letters

E Schaver to Daryl Pfantz

D Scheuers to Neen

W Scheuers to Chaplain Pete+

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

Second Offering for Steve Wierenga
Reach Update
Children are dismissed for Walk Out Worship

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Acts 1:4-8.

Sermon: Power for Mission: God calls us to live as empowered witnesses on a mission.

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing: Benediction

*Postlude

6:00 PM Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

Opening Songs led by Michelle Mulder

Prayers of the People led by Merle Schouten

We Study God's Word: Psalm 131

"We are called to a humble trust in God."

*Song: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Glory Be to the Father"

*Postlude

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will be leading worship as we look again at Acts 1. This evening's study will be on Psalm 131.

The council is looking for church members to be on a committee to plan and organize two Sunday evening worship services or events per month. Please contact Steve Homan or Gary De Jager if you are willing to help.

Deacons Report

All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget: \$16,848

CWCS: \$236.63

World Renew: \$3,854

September Cause is CWCS.

Our Family

Next week Sunday we will have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Elijah Jansen.

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed in the bulletin.

September Birthdays

Noah Mulder	24	Louie Wierenga	25
Lois Pausma	26	Phyllis Hofman	27
Ken Ten Pas	29		

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, that she continues to do well.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting treatment.

It can be easy to forget about those that we don't see every week, so we are including a list of shut-ins within our congregation. We hope that you will take some time to visit, send cards, and pray for these members of our family. As Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

- Joyce Haan
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Also for the cards and food I received and elder Gary De Jager for his visit. - Dorothy Schouten

Church News

Steve Wierenga, son of Louie and Nancy, has recently been diagnosed and struggling with depression, anxiety, and PTSD. A part of his therapy going forward will be a service dog that is specially trained to work with PTSD sufferers. The cost of this dog, however, is significant. To help, we are having a special offering today. Please visit

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/paws-4-steve-combating-ptsd> for more information.

Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 30, at 6:30 in the church basement! The workbooks are \$15 and can be paid for and picked up then. Looking forward to seeing you! If you have any questions, please talk to Bonnie Vander Berg.

Thank you to 1st CRC for supporting Crossroads Prison Ministry. It was an honor to speak about this vital ministry and to encourage new mentors in the program. We have more new mentor packets available if you are interested in finding out more. Please see Don or Linda Pausma or Kathy Roosma for a packet or to ask further questions.

Attn all 3rd through 8th grade boys: You are invited to join us for our Cadets pumpkin carving kickoff to our year Wednesday, October 2, 6:30-8 PM. Please drop your son off at the Josh Bos farm (W6256 Milligan road). Please bring your own pumpkin. Dads are encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars! We will once again be hosting the African Children's Choir on Sunday, November 10, at 6:30 PM. This is an evening you won't want to miss! We are in need of 7 homes that are willing to host up to 3 children and one chaperone for the nights of November 10 & 11. If you are interested, please contact Gladys Montsma @ 920-210-5329. Those families that hosted previously can assure you that it is an experience that you will cherish! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

PRAYER: We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. This week we ask you to pray for the transition team and the council in the process of rethinking the vision of First CRC. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We will keep you updated on the progress. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: In January, the High School Youth Group will be attending the annual Winter Retreat in Rhinelander. Dates for this would be leaving Waupun on Thursday night, Jan 9, and returning that Sunday afternoon, Jan 12. We are looking for cabin leaders. If this is something you are interested in or have any questions on what exactly Winter Retreat is, please let a youth group leader know or call Bryant Greenfield at 920-948-5050. Thank you!!!

Community News

On October 25 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, the Union Congregational Church in Waupun will be hosting Life Line Screening. See the flyer in the basement for more information. There are many ways you can register for an appointment and you may get special pricing the sooner you sign up!

The **Waupun Community Coalition on Aging** wants to hear what you think! Please take the survey between Sept. 16 and 30 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6MMBTFT>. Paper copies are available at and can be returned to Waupun City Hall, Waupun Public Library and Waupun Senior Center. They will use the information you and others provide to develop strategies for strengthening supports for Waupun area residents.

Brandon Bethel Reformed Church Youth Group is having a soup supper and cake auction on Wednesday, October 2, serving from 4:30-7:00 PM. The

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ First CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service @ First CRC
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	Part 2 of the "Tough As Nails" series

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Leader: Pat Jonker

Cassidy Ritzema

Kolten Buwalda

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Dan Montsma

Eric Schaver

Fellowship Coffee

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

Greeters

Ken & Gardie ten Pas

Nursery

Becca Vree

Rhonda Schouten

Elise Ritzema

Offering: Local Budget

September Cause: CWCS

Sound System

Tyler Jansen

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)

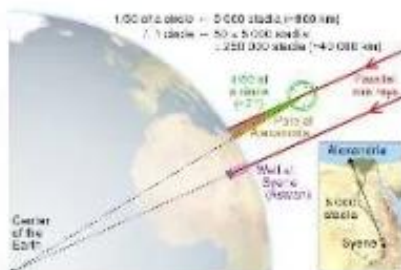
Worship Notes

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Did the Ancients Believe the Earth Was Flat?



It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, (Isaiah 42a)

It is often supposed that ancient people believed the Earth was flat. This conjecture – which we can show to be false – is used to criticize the truth of the Bible, or to suggest that the Bible teaches a flat Earth.

We can, however, challenge the assumption that ancient people believed in a flat Earth. They did not. For example, in the third century BC, a man named Eratosthenes actually calculated the circumference of the Earth. It was already known that the Sun was directly overhead at noon at the Midsummer Solstice in the Egyptian city Syene. So Eratosthenes traveled north to Alexandria – a distance of 5,000 stadia, which had been repeatedly measured by frequent surveys. He measured the angle of the Sun's rays in Alexandria to be 7°. This is about a fiftieth of a whole circle (360°), so he calculated the circumference of the Earth to be 250,000 stadia, which is 40,000 km or 25,000 miles.

This is remarkably close to modern calculations. But the only reason he could do the calculation was because he knew the Earth to be spherical and lived in a society that believed the Earth to be spherical; otherwise, his famous calculation would not have occurred to him.

So when Isaiah says, "It is [God] who sits above the circle of the earth", the Hebrew word translated "circle" is best translated as sphere. The Bible, as always, has the right of it.

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