

# First Christian Reformed Church



## Who We Are

Welcome to First CRC! We're glad you're here to worship with us today! By God's grace, we're a family of believers that has been gathering to worship God and serve others for some 100 years. We were established out of nearby Alto CRC, in 1921, and later in 1961, Bethel CRC in Waupun, started from members of First.

At First CRC, in Sunday worship and during the week, you'll find many historic and biblical practices of the Christian faith. Our leadership, elders and deacons and pastor, seek to keep these vibrant and relevant to Christians living in today's world.

## Child Care and Student Ministries on Sunday Mornings

During worship, we have nursery care for children ages 0-2, and Children's Worship for children ages 3 through 4K. Children's Worship kids are dismissed halfway through the worship service. After worship parents should pick up their children on the upper level where these ministries take place. If you need to take a child out of the worship service for a bit, you may go to our Lower Level where there are two couches and a nearby bathroom. By the couches a TV is playing the service live.

Sunday School and Catechism classes for K – 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet after the morning worship service.

## What We Believe

We subscribe to the historic Christian faith; the Bible is our final authority in faith and life; we also look by grace through faith alone to Christ alone for our salvation. For more details about what we believe and how we live out the faith, please visit our website ([waupunrc.com](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular, large-print, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office ([waupunrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupunrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupunrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupunrc.com)) for anything else related to First CRC, including membership, our ministries, as well as what we believe and practice. Please join us for coffee and conversation near our main entrance each Sunday before and after worship.

## 9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Songs of Worship: "You Are Worthy of My Praise"

"Have Mercy on Me"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"Build My Life"

Congregational Prayer

Children's Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Dodge County Pregnancy Support

Song of Worship: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" G291

*Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship*

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-2

Message: "Ephesians #14: Our High Calling"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" G568

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Father, I Adore You" G284

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Rachel Hoffman, Cayden Ruis, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Lois Mulder, Gladys Montsma
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Jonah Mulder

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Mackenzie Mulder, Kolton Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Noah Mulder, Andy Schlieve

### Missionary Letters

B Bresser to Neen/Angel\*

J Bresser to Chaplain Pete

\*Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

## Giving to First CRC

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please place your donation in the offering bags passed by the deacons during the service. All loose cash offerings will go to the Faith Promise Fund the first Sunday of the month and the month's special offering (Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center for January) the remaining Sundays, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. Online giving is also available, just scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.



## Our Family

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Jim Groenewold, Dick Heeringa**, at the Christian Homestead.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, severe pain.

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- January 18, Sanctity of Life Sunday
- February 15, Lord's Supper in worship; Armor of God sermon series starts for Lent.

If you are interested in **profession of faith**, please contact Scott Ritzema.

**We want to thank everyone for your prayers** and words of comfort in the loss of our grandson, Joey Eckberg. Also, thanks to Pastor Greg and Elder Mike Vander Berg for your calls and visits. Great is thy faithfulness!

- Wayne and Faith Miedema

**We want to thank everybody for their prayers**, cards, calls and visits during my six months of chemotherapy treatment for leukemia, which is in remission now as long as I continue to take my pills every morning.

- Norm and Shirley Jansma

**The life groups will get together tonight and have a trivia night!** We will begin at 4:30 with our snacks/appetizers! There will be prizes! The life group leaders should have contacted you with what to bring! We hope to see you there!

**Winter Retreat.** Please pray that our high school students have a good time at Winter Retreat this weekend.

**The afternoon ladies Bible study meets Wednesday at 1**, starting lesson 1 of Esther. We will be meeting in the **Upper Room at church** rather than at the Christian Home living center.

**We are writing to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donations totaling \$344.55.** It is especially gratifying during the holiday season because it enables us to make sure that everyone we serve can have a more joyous holiday. Thank you very much! - Waupun Area Food Pantry

## **Community News**

**Join us for the next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast!** Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 17, from 7:30–8:30 AM. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, meaningful conversation, and hear from another powerful speaker. Whether you're new or a regular, everyone is welcome—come connect, share, and start your day encouraged.

**Now Enrolling: CWC 4K for 2026–27:** CWC is now accepting **new student applications** for our **4K program** for the **2026–27 school year!** We are excited to share that **CWC 4K now participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**, making high-quality early childhood education more accessible for families.

- **Who:** Children eligible for 4K
- **When:** 2026–27 school year
- **Program:** CWC 4K (WPCP eligible)

Enrollment is limited, and early application is encouraged. For more information about eligibility, enrollment steps, and deadlines, please contact Kim Greenfield, [kgreenfield@WeAreCWC.org](mailto:kgreenfield@WeAreCWC.org) or visit our website, [www.WeAreCWC.org](http://www.WeAreCWC.org). Give your child a strong start at CWC!

**Did you know Church Health Services has a dental clinic?** Because it's a charitable dental clinic, you can support them by making donations of the following items: garbage bags, distilled water, toothbrushes (adult and children), dental floss, toothpaste, gauze, latex free disposable gloves, and masks. If you would like to make a donation, please talk to Lois Mulder.

**SSM Health Hospice is looking for new volunteers.** Do you feel called to serve others in a meaningful way? Volunteers are needed to visit patients for companionship and presence, offer respite for caregivers, certified pet therapy, provide veteran recognition to those who have served, assist with administrative tasks or special projects, and serve meals for those residing at the Hospice Home of Hope. No medical experience is required, just a caring heart and willingness to be present. **To learn more or join their volunteer team, contact** Betty Walleser at 920-924-4662 or [beatriz.walleser@ssmhealth.com](mailto:beatriz.walleser@ssmhealth.com).

**SALVATION ARMY FINAL REPORT:** Wondering how the giving was this year? We had some churches cut back to one day because of lack of volunteers. Thanks to the Key Club for filling in on 11 different days at sometimes 4 different spots. Next year I am going to see if I can get a big kettle set up at DG Market instead of the truck stop, but that's for next year. Also, I am still looking for a person to help to eventually take over the Salvation Army Coordinator position, I have been doing it for 10 years, I would like someone else to also learn it for the next generation. Next year will be the last year that I furnish candy at the kettles; candy is getting expensive. If your church or organization would like to donate candy, let me know.

- Small Kettles \$680.83
- Large kettles \$9652.10
- Culvers \$755.97
- GRAND TOTAL \$11,088.90

THANK YOU WAUPUN and all volunteers!

## Denominational News

**Go Deeper in Faith Through a Trip with Resonate** - Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026, with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you're interested at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/move](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/move).

**Help Families Affected by the Pacific Northwest Flooding.** Beginning December 8, heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one person and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including in communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021. Please join us in prayer and donate to help flood survivors at [worldrenew.net/northwest](http://worldrenew.net/northwest), by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing check made out to World Renew, with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. You can also make a check out to First CRC with the same notation in the memo line and place it in the offering bags.

### Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday  
Phone: 920-324-2898 - email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)  
PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963

## **Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism  
4:30 PM Life Group Trivia Night

**Wednesday:** 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Upper Room)  
6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Livestream**

Mike Vander Berg

### **Coffee**

Bob and Michelle Mulder

### **PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

### **Children's Worship**

Jen Ritzema, Levi Holbach

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

### **Nursery**

Hailey Wagner, Emily Aalsma,  
Jonah Mulder

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Ben and Jonah Mulder

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	Andy Schlieve (2027)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Darrall Schaver (2027)	Andy Schlieve (2027)

## **You're Worthy of My Praise**

**Verse 1:** I will worship (I will worship)

With all of my heart (all of my heart)

I will praise You (I will praise You) - With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You) - All of my days (all of my days)

I will follow (I will follow) - All of Your ways (all Your ways)

**Chorus:** I will give You all my worship - I will give You all my praise

You alone I long to worship - You alone are worthy of my praise

**Verse 2:** I will bow down (I will bow down)

Hail You as King (hail You as King)

I will serve You (I will serve You) - Give You everything (give you everything)  
I will lift up (I will lift up) - My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)  
I will trust You (I will trust You) - I'll trust You alone (trust You alone)

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## **Have Mercy On Me**

**Verse 1:** Lamb of God You take away - The sin of the world  
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**Chorus:** Lord have mercy - Christ have mercy - Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy - Christ have mercy - (Lord) Have mercy on me

**Verse 2:** Lamb of God I'm asking You - To take away my sin  
I confess that I've done wrong - I need Your help again

**Verse 3:** The precious blood of Jesus Christ - Cleanses me from sin  
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## **How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

**Verse 1:** How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory

**Verse 2:** Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

**Verse 3:** I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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## **Build My Life**

**Verse 1:** Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You

**Verse 2:** Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You - We live for You

**Chorus:** Holy, there is no one like You - There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart - And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Bridge:** I will build my life upon Your love - It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone - And I will not be shaken

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## Sermon Notes