

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 – 12th 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) or our denomination's website (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) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Who You Say I Am"

"He Knows My Name"

Profession of our Faith: Contemporary Testimony, Article 44

High School Winter Retreat Testimonies

*Song of Worship: "By Faith"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Dodge County Pregnancy Support

Song of Worship: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" G481

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:3-14

Message: "Ephesians #15: Living as Children of Light"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" G460

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Beautiful Savior" G461:1

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg;
Brenda Hofman (piano); Grace
Bruins, Elsa Homan, Kristi
Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Cody
Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander
Berg
- Children's Worship: Jen Ritzema,
Levi Holbach
- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Emily
Aalsma, Jonah Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

Missionary Letters

J Bronkhorst to Neen/Angel

J Buteyn 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.



	December	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD	% of YTD Budget
General	\$33,893.70	\$215,655.33	\$201,939.25	106.00%
Most Needed	\$11,302.50	\$30,754.00	N/A	N/A
Faith Promise	\$1,326.18	\$10,259.18	\$7,800.00	131.50%
Classical	\$2,398.23	\$8,909.31	\$13,000.00	68.50%
Denominational	\$2,448.27	\$9,724.66	\$13,000.00	74.80%
Benevolent	\$1,523.73	\$7,217.00	N/A	N/A
Total*	\$52,892.61	\$282,519.48	N/A	N/A

*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Dick Heeringa**, has begun palliative care.
- **Pat Loomans and Delores Vande Kolk**, who are unable to worship with us regularly.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, surgery recovery, pain.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, severe pain.

The family of Peter Montsma would like to thank everyone for the love, support, kind words, and prayers shown during the passing of our dad and grandpa. A special thank you to Pastor Greg for his visits and the meaningful funeral service, to Elder Ken Homan, and to all who visited and helped serve the lunch. We are deeply grateful for the support of our church family.

- Dan & Gladys Montsma and family -Gary & Kate DeJager and family

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- 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.

Youth Group will be meeting from 7-8:30 PM tonight at Bethel CRC.

Please note that the **LARGE PRINT TODAY** devotionals (the real ones) have finally arrived and are on the table in the narthex.

Community News

Register today for the ONE Waupun Men's Conference! Join us on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for a day designed to encourage, challenge, and renew men in their faith. This year's theme, "The Undivided Man: Moving from who you are to who you were created to be," will feature messages from Aaron Baart (Sioux Center, IA) and Jon DeWaal (Edmonds, WA). Pastor Greg Schuringa from First CRC in Waupun will lead us in praise and worship, and through worship, fellowship, and small-group discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. Register today at <http://conference.onewaupun.com>.

Coffee Break Bible Study at Bethel CRC will resume on Wednesday, January 21, at 9 AM. Our new study will be Discover Jonah: Slow to Anger, Abounding in Love. All ladies are welcome to join us!

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.

Denominational News

Celebrating 75 Years of Today - For 75 years, *Today* has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world, and we thank God for the ways these devotions continue to point people to Christ. ReFrame Ministries invites you to a special virtual Direct Connect on Thursday, January 29 at 1:00 pm EST as we celebrate this milestone, reflect on God's faithfulness, and look ahead to what God is still doing through *Today*. Register at reframeministries.org/events. A recording will be shared with all who sign up.

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Calendar

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
7:00 PM Youth Group at Bethel CRC
- Tuesday:** 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Wednesday:** 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study – 2 (Upper Room)
5:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Upper Room)
6:30 PM Council Meeting (Lower Level)
6:30 PM GEMS – Neon Night at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Cadets at The Union
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Kase Buwalda

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Nursery

Hailey Bresser, Emily Mulder, Jules Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
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)

Monthly Ministry Report from Neen and Angel

Happy and Blessed New Year to you!

We are grateful to the Lord for granting us another year to serve Him. The past year had its ups and downs. Our country faced challenges from earthquakes and storms, yet God remained good, sustaining and protecting us through all these calamities.

In this new year, we pray and hope to continue blessing the less fortunate and sharing Christ with them. We are deeply thankful that you have stood with us and the ministry for many years. We humbly ask that you continue to support our work here. We are truly grateful to you as we assist victims of the typhoons that have badly hit our region. So many have already received help with food and clothing, and they are incredibly thankful and blessed for your support. So blessed as well to see men in prisons accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

I am still on maintenance medication for my heart condition and will have a check-up next week or last week of this month. By God's grace, I am feeling better, and we pray for good results. Angel is doing well too, though she is managing an issue with her blood sugar. Please continue to pray for us.

God continues to be good to us, providing all our needs through you. We are truly grateful.

Thank you so much for all your support and prayers for us and the ministry here. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family always.

With Prayers and love
Neen and Angel

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1: Who am I that the highest King - Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in – Oh, His love for me – Oh, His love for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free - Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God - Yes, I am

Verse 2: Free at last - He has ransomed me - His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin - Jesus died for me - Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2: In my Father's house - There's a place for me

I'm a child of God - Yes, I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken - I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me - I am who You say I am

Tag: (Yes) I am who You say I am

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He Knows My Name

Verse 1: I have a Maker - He formed my heart
Before even time began - My life was in His hand

Chorus: He knows my name - He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls - And hears me when I call

Verse 2: I have a Father - He calls me His own
He'll never leave me - No matter where I go

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By Faith

Verse 1: By faith we see the hand of God - In the light of creation's grand
design - In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2: By faith our fathers roamed the earth - With the pow'r of His promise
in their hearts - Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise - We will fix our eyes on
Him our soul's reward - Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3: By faith the prophets saw a day - When the longed-for Messiah
would appear - With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4: By faith the church was called to go - In the pow'r of the Spirit to the
lost - To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5: By faith the mountain shall be moved - And the pow'r of the gospel
shall prevail - For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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Sermon Notes