First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping the Lord together with us today. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join us here at First CRC! You will find a guest card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag during the service so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at www.waupuncrc.com or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com). Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com.

Large-print bulletins and children's bulletins are available from an usher.

You can watch our services live on Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Our Core Values: We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.



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

PO Box 32, Waupun

9:30 AM Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

"Closer" "O Church Arise"

God's Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Heartbeat International

ONE Waupun Annual Conference Video

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship while we watch

Song of Preparation: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" G280

*Scripture: 2 Peter 3:17-18

Message: "Our Precious Faith #10: Guarding and Growing"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" G420

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" G319:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
 Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa;
 Laura Ten Pass (piano); Nikki Durni
 (acoustic guitar and vocals);
 Aubryn DeJager, Rachel Hoffman,
 Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Katie DeJager, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Cassidy Ritzema, Kolten Buwalda
- Nursery: Emily Aalsma, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

R Greenfield to Neen*
T Greenfield 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 month's special offering (Heartbeat International for January), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. On-line giving is also available, just go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. 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:

- Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamphuis, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.
- Margaret Miedema, back surgery recovery.
- Shirley Otto, passing of cousin Terry Marschie.

Church News

Anyone interested in taking the Profession of Faith class please reach out to Scott Ritzema and let him know so materials can be ordered. We will start after the first of the year. This is open for any and all ages. I'm excited for our body to continue to grow and mature in our faith!

Are you tired of seeing this announcement looking for adults to help with the SWaT middle school youth group? Maybe God is calling you to this important role. SWaT meets once a month, the 2nd Wednesday. Do you have just a couple of hours a month to spend time with these youth? Please consider helping with this important ministry.

Community News

Register for the ONE Waupun Men's Conference today! Our theme this year is "Who we are in Christ" and will feature a video message by Rick Warren and in-person messages from Bob Lenz, Founder & President of Life Promotions, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small ground discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 4, from 8:30–3:30. Register today at www.onewaupun.com!

75th Anniversary Celebration!!!! SAVE THE DATES! April 29 & 30Seventy-five years of longevity is no guarantee. Whether it is a business, a church, a family, or any other institution, reaching the milestone of a

Diamond Anniversary only happens through faithfulness in leadership, investment, and operation. It means overcoming times of challenge by leaning into a collective commitment to invest for the present and the future. It's important that we acknowledge God's faithfulness and the shared investment of generations to allow Christ-centered education at Central Wisconsin Christian School to not just exist but to thrive. Setting aside time highlights commitments to invest for generations to come, because there are no guarantees in the future. This event also is a way of "telling the generations of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" to our alumni, our current parents/staff, and our community. Campus Tours, Alumni Gathering, Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Worship, and MUCH more! Follow this event for upcoming details and also your mail.

High School Preview Day: Prospective high school students interested in learning more about the top-notch, biblically based program at Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Tuesday, January 24. Students will experience a day as a CWC student by visiting classes, chapel, interactive presentations, and more. To find out more information and to RSVP, call the Advancement Office at 920.318.1349, and don't miss out!! Invite your friends!

Celebrate Life at Fond du Lac Right to Life Prayer Service TODAY at Community Church, N6717 Streblow Dr. in Fond du Lac. The service is from 2-3 PM, with refreshments and fellowship to follow.

2023-2024 Preschool Registration - Deadline January 31: This year CWC is revising the registration process. With the high level of interest and demand, we hope that this provides a more equitable method for families to register for the sections of their choice. There is a student cap on the size of our sections, so we encourage you to sign up soon. The process will be as follows:

- Complete our preK Registration Information form linked here. Deadline for early registration is January 31. Parents are asked to record your preferred section placement.
- On February 1, a random draw will be conducted in our office. Following that draw, parents will be notified of session placement or wait pool status via email by the Advancement Office.

Find out more at www.WeAreCWC.org/admissions/prekadmission.cfm

The Community Table is in urgent need of church groups, clubs, small groups, or even families to provide a meal on Fridays from 11-1. Presently, no one is signed up for any Fridays in 2023. Please help us provide this service to our deserving community members. To sign up for a week or two,

call Terri Respalje at 920-324-4000 between 9 and 3, Monday-Thursdays. For information about numbers to prepare for or any other questions, call Ron Schaalma at 920-948-8069.

Denominational News

Groundwork: God's Unconventional Ways - When we expect God to work in conventional ways, we may often find ourselves disappointed. Join Groundwork as we study the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6-7 and discuss the unconventional ways God works in our lives. Together, we'll discuss what this truth means for our faith and what happens when we begin to depend on ourselves instead of on God. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Wednesday: 6:30 PM GEMS Counselor meeting

6:30 PM Youth Group: Truth in Love, Lesson 3, at Bethel

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism

9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

AccompanistLivestreamBrenda HofmanGregg Zonnefeld

Coffee PPT

Kim Greenfield Cassidy Ritzema

Children's WorshipSound SystemYou will be contactedPete Vander Werff

Nursery Ushers

Mackenzie Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Gene Hofman, Brian O'Donovan

Morgan Buwalda

Group	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Honor God Serve Others Transform Lives



You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

Verse: You are holy (You are holy) - You are mighty (You are mighty) You are worthy (You are worthy) - Worthy of praise (worthy of praise) I will follow (I will follow) - I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You) - All of my days (all of my days)

Chorus 1: I will sing to and worship - The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship - The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Chorus 2: You are Lord of lords You are King of kings - You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything - You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am - You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb - You're the living God You're my saving grace - You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days - You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End - You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend - You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Ending: You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

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Closer

Verse 1: Search me oh God and know my thoughts Nothing is hidden from You - Lead me along Your path of life That I may walk in truth

Chorus: Bring me closer closer - Closer to You my Lord Bring me closer closer to Your ways - To Your will to Your heart

Verse 2: Create in me a clean heart - Renew a right spirit in me Make of me Lord a servant - Who walks in humility

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O Church Arise

Verse 1: O church arise and put your armour on - Hear the call of Christ our Captain - For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given - With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies - An army bold whose battle cry is Love Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2: Our call to war to love the captive soul - But to rage against the captor - And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valour - When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure - And Christ will have the prize for which He died - An inheritance of nations

Verse 3: Come see the cross where love and mercy meet - As the Son of God is stricken - Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet For the Conqueror has risen - And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave - This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4: So Spirit come put strength in every stride - Give grace for every hurdle - That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful - As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace - We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory

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Sermon Notes