

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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Another Year is Dawning" R811

"O God Our Help in Ages Past" R686

Congregational Milestones

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Confession and Commitment: "Refiner's Fire"

"Living Waters" "I Am Not My Own"

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" G486

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

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 14

Message: "Do You See What I See? #12: Will Holiness be the Focus of Your Life in 2026?"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me" G452

*Benediction

*Doxology: "O Worship the King" G428:1, 5

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg;
Michelle Mulder, Abby Vree
(vocalists)
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Katie
DeJager, Randall Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver,
Hailey Bresser

- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Phylicia
Coda, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van
Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

A Bossenbroek to Neen/Angel
G Bossenbroek 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 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:

- **Katie (and Gary) DeJager, Dan (and Gladys) Montsma** and the rest of the family on the passing of Peter Montsma. Services were held this past Friday.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, severe pain still undiagnosed.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- January 18, Right to Life Sunday
- February 15, Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

If you are interested in **membership at First CRC**, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

Save the Date: January 11 is the date where all the life groups will get together and have trivia night! We will begin at 4:30 with our snacks /appetizers! There will be prizes! The life group leaders will be reaching out to you with what to bring! We hope to see you there!

The ladies Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be starting a new study on Esther on January 14. This is a 7-lesson book. We plan to meet every Wednesday at the Christian Home Living Center, in the Mulder room at 1 PM. Please contact Linda Pausma for more information or a book if you would like to join us.

First CRC Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a long-time member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos

of our worship services, the church calendar and more.
<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

Community News

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 or visit our website, www.WeAreCWC.org. Give your child a strong start at CWC!

Denominational News

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Calendar

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|-------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Today: | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School and Catechism |
| Tuesday: | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study (Lower Level) |
| Wednesday: | 6:30 PM | Elders Meeting (Upper Room) |
| | 6:30 PM | GEMS @ Bethel CRC |
| Sunday: | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

PPT

Lois Mulder

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Jonah Mulder

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Beca Vree, Mackenzie Mulder,
Kolton Buwalda

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Noah Mulder, Andy Schlieve

| 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) |

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Refiner's Fire

Verse 1: Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - And precious silver

Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - Pure gold

Chorus: Refiner's fire - My heart's one desire - Is to be holy

Set apart for You Lord - I choose to be holy

Set apart for You my Master - Ready to do Your will

Verse 2: Purify my heart - Cleanse me from within - And make me holy

Purify my heart - Cleanse me from my sin - Deep within

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Living Waters

Verse 1: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken - Peace unspoken - Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling - Find refreshing - At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down - All the old gone - Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows - With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God - There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore - Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving - Mercy washing - Healing in these living waters
Lead your children - To the shoreline - Life is in these living waters

Verse 4: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness - Vast and boundless - Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure - Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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I Am Not My Own

Verse 1: The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known - I am His creation the Maker's
masterpiece - And all that He designs will be done in me

Verse 2: My body is a temple of the Living God
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image O may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

Chorus: I belong to the Lord O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord I am not my own - I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord I am not my own

Verse 3: And if He has redeemed me I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave

Verse 4: I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You can not repair
So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

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Sermon Notes