

1/7/2024

First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping 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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

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

Call to Worship

2023 Congregational Milestones

*God's Greeting

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

God's Will for Our Lives: Exodus 20:1-17

Song of Confession: "Change My Heart, O God" R654

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8

*Songs of Worship: "Be Unto Your Name" "Sovereign Over Us"

New Member Welcome: Curt and Judy Groen

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund

Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship

Song of Worship: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" R682

*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Message: "2 Corinthians #16—A New Year, a Fresh Start: Purity and the People of God"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" R648:1, 3, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Glory Be to the Father" R812

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Rachel Hoffman, Cayden Ruis, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Lois Mulder, Brad Mulder

- Coffee: George & Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Olivia Vander Werff, Heidi Schaver
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Lynnae Franken, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

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A DeJager 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 and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (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 scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.



Update on the Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Project: \$68,583 (86%) raised of the estimated \$80,000.

Please note that the monthly financial giving report for December will be provided at the end of January as the Deacons will verify all donations for 2023 have been received.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Dick Heeringa**, COVID along with a number of other residents of the Christian Homestead.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Elise Ritzema**, healing after foot surgery.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, hospitalized for heart issues.
- **Louie Wierenga**, heart catheterization tomorrow.

The elders accepted the memberships of Curt and Judy Groen this past Wednesday.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- January 14—Start of Baby Bottle Drive for Dodge County Pregnancy Services for Sanctity of Human Life Month.

Public Profession of Faith. If you have interest in making public profession of your faith, please reach out to Scott Ritzema in the near future to talk about next steps and what that might look like. Thank you!

Our church will once again be partnering with the Dodge County Pregnancy Center by taking part in their annual Baby Bottle fundraiser. On Sunday, January 14, we will be handing out Baby Bottles that families can take home and fill up with their change, cash or even a check (made out to our church). The Bottles will be collected on Sunday, January 28. All money will go to the Dodge County Pregnancy Center to support their life saving ministry. As a church, we decided on these dates to remember the National Sanctity of Life Sunday which is January 21. The Baby Bottle campaign is a great way for families to come together around an important cause. If are not able to pick up bottle but want to give a donation, you can put your money in an envelope and give it to Mike or Bonnie Vander Berg.

Save the Date: On Sunday, January 14, will be an event for all **life groups** at 4:30 at church. Your leaders will be reaching out to you with what to bring!

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Are you a photographer at heart? We are looking for someone to take pictures for the church website. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please talk to Lois Mulder or Mike Vander Berg.

Christian Reformed Church Position on Human Sexuality. A couple years ago as churches in our denomination we were given an opportunity to review and give feedback on the Human Sexuality Report that came from a denominational Study Committee. With input from the denomination as a whole, the HSR was approved and affirmed at our denomination's last two Synods. Synod is the CRC's annual gathering of pastors, elders and deacons. Recently, in response to Synod 2023's request for further equipping of the churches, CRC General Secretary, Zach King, has provided the following 10 minute video as a resource to concisely share what we believe on these matters and also to speak to the important pastoral implications that the CRC has emphasized:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-raziGne3dM>

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.

First Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a longtime 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>.

Community News

The next **ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** is on Saturday, January 20, at 7:30 AM. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study in the Upper Room
 6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study in the Lower Level

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th/12th Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist
Laura Ten Pass

Livestream
Scott Ritzema

Coffee
Al and LeAnne Holden

PPT
Cody Van Herwaarden

Children’s Worship
Kim Greenfield, Jenna Schouten,
Jonah Mulder

Sound System
Joe Bresser

Nursery
Beth Schlieve, Jenna Mulder,
Kolten Buwalda

Transportation
Bob Mulder

Ushers
Ryer Greenfield, Andy Schlieve

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1: We are a moment You are forever - Lord of the ages God before time - We are a vapor You are eternal - Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus: Holy, holy Lord God Almighty - Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Highest praises honor and glory - Be unto Your name - Be unto Your name

Verse 2: We are the broken You are the healer - Jesus Redeemer mighty to save - You are the love song we'll sing forever - Bowing before You blessing Your name

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Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1: There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears And You meet us in our mourning - With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2: You are working in our waiting - Sanctifying us When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper - You've not forgotten us You're with us in the fire and the flood - Faithful forever perfect in love You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3: You are wisdom unimagined - Who could understand Your ways Reigning high above the heavens - Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4: You're the lifter of the lowly - Compassionate and kind You surround and You uphold me - And Your promises are my delight

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil - You turn it for our good You turn it for our good - And for Your glory Even in the valley You are faithful - You're working for our good You're working for our good - And for Your glory

Ending: Faithful forever perfect in love You are sov'reign over us

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Sermon Notes



**MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING ANGEL STUDIO'S
"SOUND OF FREEDOM" BASED ON THE TRUE STORY**
of a federal agent who embarks on a dangerous mission
to save children from traffickers. Please join us for this
eye-opening retelling of innocence and bravery. The
event is free with no reservations needed followed with
a fellowship/discussion time.

Rated PG-13