

10/1/2023

# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

\*Call to Worship: "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling" G243

\*Songs of Worship: "Blessed Be the Name" "Hear O Lord and Answer" "All Heaven Declares"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" R581:1-3

*Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship while we sing*

\*Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-21

Message: "Old Testament Heroes of the Faith #3: Jacob—The House that God Builds"

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" R170:1, 2, 3, 6

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 66, 67, 68

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 77, 78, 79

\*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 81

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: "Nothing but the Blood" R337 *(to be sung during the passing of the cups)*

Song of Thanksgiving: "There is a Redeemer" R308

*(An offering for our Benevolent Fund will be received during this song.)*

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Benediction"

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder

- Worship Team: Pastor Greg, Kevin Buwalda, Aubryn DeJager, Rachel Hoffman, Renae Venhuizen (vocals)

- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Cassidy Ritzema, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden
- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield Adrianna Schuringa, Jonah, Mulder
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Taylor Hoffman

- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

### **Missionary Letters**

P Vander Werff to Neen\*  
E Vant Hoff 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 (Gideons for October), 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.

**Faith Promise Fund Recipients** include Word Partners, Brother Bob's Outreach, Robert Kocmond Ministry, Youth for Christ—The Union and Scott Ritzema, Open Hands 4 the Fatherless, Christian Home Chaplain, Alex and Brittany Geleyne (Global Serve International), and Wisconsin Inmate Education Association.

### **Total Donations Received in September: \$45,461.44**

Receipt of Specific Funds (Not all Funds listed):

- General Fund: \$22,997.44
- Most Needed: \$15,343.00
- Faith Promise: \$1,281.00
- Denominational: \$980.00
- Classical: \$820.00
- Building Fund: \$585.00
- Monthly Cause (REACH Waupun): \$310.00
- Benevolent: \$170.00

### **Our Family**

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

- **Carol Greenfield**, making progress after her fall, likely coming home from Iowa later this week, still needs more healing and recovery time.

- **Margaret Miedema**, prayers for her treatments to be effective.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Eden Homan**, back surgery on October 11.

**Thank YOU from Pastor Greg and Sarah and Olivia and Isaac, Hannah, Sophia, and Adrianna:** for your cards and care and prayers and meals during Sarah's hip replacement surgery recovery. She still has a ways to go, but is making good progress and we're so glad about that. Also thank you for cards and prayers and care and the funeral flower arrangement for the passing away of Pastor Greg's father. It's been hard but also good...to have God's promises in Jesus to stand on in life and in death, to spend time with family, and to have a church family like First CRC Waupun supporting us and loving us through it all. Pastor Greg felt the prayers especially in how God provided him with the words to say to family and friends at the funeral and graveside services for his dad.

**A Meal Train** has been set up for **Ben and Alyssa Homan for when Eden has her surgery on October 11**. The link is <https://mealtrain.com/od04ln>, or follow the link in the email that was sent out.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** There are so many different ways we can show our appreciation for Pastor Greg and his family—please remember them in prayer and let them know how/why you appreciate their ministry here at First CRC,

## **Church News**

**Brief Council Meeting:** 15 minutes after worship today in Pastor's office.

**The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team!** The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 1 woman to join our team as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. As a high school youth group mentor, you'll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with life's challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at [cjvliet@charter.net](mailto:cjvliet@charter.net), Bryant Greenfield at [bryant.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:bryant.greenfield@gmail.com), Noah Mulder at [swdnoahmulder@gmail.com](mailto:swdnoahmulder@gmail.com) or one of the church education team members if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

## Community News

### **Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction**

is October 4, 2023, at Brandon Bethel from 4:30 to 7:00 PM, with the cake auction starting at 6:00 PM. Carryout will be available by using drive-through service. Soups are chili, stuffed pepper, cheesy potato ham, and chicken noodle. All proceeds will benefit the youth group.

**Attend the 78th annual traditional Welsh Hymn Sing** (Gamanfa Ganu) sung in rich 4-part harmony at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W Florence Street in Cambria on Sunday, October 8, at 2:30pm and again at 5:30pm. "The Presbyterian Women" will serve a lovely meal in between the two sets. The Director is Devin Scherck accompanied by Steve Jensen. Special music will be provided by Lori Page for the earlier set and Ella Lemmenes for the later set. All proceeds from the meal will go to "Presbyterian Women" local ministries.

**We are looking for volunteers to help with our efforts.** Pie making times are Wednesday, Oct. 18 (noon to 8 PM), and Thursday (8 AM to 8 PM). No need to sign up. Simply show up and we will put you to work. If you have any questions, call the Randolph Christian School office at 920-326-3320 or Paula Van Buren at 920-210-4853. Or join us at RCS on Oct. 3 at 8:30 AM when we are having a combination coffee, donuts, and apple pie prep time. Anyone is welcome to this event as we assemble and label boxes.

**It's apple pie time! Randolph Christian** school is once again kicking off Fall with our annual Apple Pie fundraiser. Our Apple pies are made with fresh Wisconsin apples, sweetened with sugar and cinnamon, and topped with our homemade butter crumb topping. Pies are \$14 each and will be made Oct. 18-19. If you would like to place an order, contact any RCS family (they deliver!) or call the school office at 920-326-3320.

## Calendar

<b>Today:</b>	8:30 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	GEMS at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Youth Group (basement)
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
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## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

### **Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

### **Children's Worship**

Emily Mulder, Olivia Vander Werff, Levi Holbach

### **Nursery**

Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Kase Buwalda

### **Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

### **PPT**

Lois Mulder

### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Brian O'Donovan  
Owen Mulder

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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)

## **Blessed Be The Name**

**Verse 1:** I am standing beneath Your wings - I am resting in Your shelter  
Your great faithfulness has been my shield - And it makes me wanna sing

**Chorus:** Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be the name of the Lord  
I will bless Your holy name for all my days - Blessed be the name of the Lord

**Verse 2:** I sing praises to Your name oh Lord - For You daily bear my  
burdens - Your great faithfulness is my reward - And it makes me wanna sing

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## Hear O Lord

**Verse 1:** Hear O Lord and answer - I am poor and needy  
Guard my life - For I am devoted to You - Hear my prayer O Lord  
And my cry for mercy - In this day of trouble - I will call to You

**Verse 2:** Teach me O Lord - I will walk in Your truth  
Give me an undivided heart - Nations You've made - Will worship You  
For You alone - Are the living God

**Verse 3:** I will praise You - I will praise You - Glorify Your name O Lord  
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## All Heaven Declares

**Verse 1:** All heaven declares - The glory of the risen Lord  
Who can compare with - The beauty of the Lord

**Chorus 1:** Forever He will be - The Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee - And worship Him alone

**Verse 2:** I will proclaim - The glory of the risen Lord  
Who once was slain - To reconcile man to God

**Chorus 2:** Forever You will be - The Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee - And worship You alone

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## Benediction

**Verse 1:** May the peace of God our heav'nly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son\_ And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

**Chorus:** And to Him be praise for His glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain - Christ eternal the King of kings

**Verse 2:** May this peace which passes understanding  
And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of His communion - Make us one in spirit and in heart

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**Fill a vital role with World Renew DRS!** - Want to escape to some warmer weather in the upcoming months? Fill a vital role with World Renew Disaster Response Services! Join an Unmet Needs Assessment in Fort Myers, Florida, from October 14 - 28, or volunteer on a reconstruction team in Boutte, Louisiana, throughout March and April! Contact Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) to get started.

**Today is All Nations Heritage Sunday** - We celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ today. You can support ethnic minority leadership in the church by giving to the special Scholarship Fund established by the CRCNA. It provides financial assistance to students of various ethnic minority cultures who attend universities affiliated with the CRC. Please give at: [crcna.org/Race/Donate](http://crcna.org/Race/Donate)

## **Sermon Notes**