

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 (waupuncrc.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 (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.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: "Come People of the Risen King"

"Great Are You Lord"

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Congregational Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

Offerings for the Local Budget and The Gideons

Song of Preparation: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" G410

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

Prayer for Illumination

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 6

Message: "Zechariah #7: Do You See What I See? How the King Builds His Church"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Jesus, with Your Church Abide" G508

*Benediction

*Doxology: "He is Exalted" R36

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Scripture Reading: Rhonda Schouten
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Grace Bruins, Elsa Homan (vocalists)
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Jake Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander Berg

- Children's Worship: Grace Bruins, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Hollie Ganz, Emily Aalsma, Jenna Schouten
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Owen Mulder

Missionary Letters

T Ten Pass to Neen/Angel*

K Van Buren 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 (The Gideons for October; Waupun Food Pantry for November), 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:

- **Norm Jansma**, one more chemotherapy treatment.
- **Pat (and Tom) Jonker sympathy.** Pat's mom's passing this past Tuesday morning. Visitation will be at Werner-Harmsen from 5-7 PM today, Sunday, and a Funeral Service at Bethel CRC at 11 AM on Monday, tomorrow.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Lois Pausma's** grandson Clay, recovering after a serious car accident.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, a 6- to 9-month recovery from surgery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

We are so thankful for Pastor Greg and his family and would like to honor them for their leadership and care. Please join us TODAY for an all-church potluck in the commons of CWC beginning at noon. We would invite you to bring a dish to pass, your own place service and drinks. Decaf coffee will be available and a cake of appreciation will be provided.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- October 26—Guest Pastor Dr. Tim Vanden Langenberg, chaplain at Dodge Correctional
- November 2—Remembering the Persecuted Church
- November 26, Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Thanksgiving Worship Service

The First CRC Council is looking for a new **Disbursing Treasurer** after Keren Derksen plans to retire from this position in June 2026 after many years of faithful service. The part-time job requires approximately 10 hours of work *per month*. Keren is willing to do on-the-job training until the new Disbursing Treasurer is comfortable with the responsibilities of the position.

Ideally, we'll have someone starting to learn by Spring of 2026, some months before Keren retires. Please contact any elder or deacon on Executive if you have interest or know someone who may be interested as Council gathers names. Executive Committee members are Al Venhuizen (Chair), Mike Vander Berg (Vice Chair), Steve Homan (Clerk), Kirk Van Buren (Deacon Chair), and Adam Franken (Deacon Secretary).

Church-Wide Service Project: Our church is planning to prepare and serve meals at the Community Table a few times a year. While the Outreach Committee is coordinating the effort, this is truly a church-wide project—as we'll be serving a meal to 80–100 members of our community. Our next opportunity is scheduled for **Friday, October 24**. Talk with Gladys or Bonnie if you have any questions. Recipes are available in the foyer. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Butter Braids are back!! On November 2, member of the Youth Group will get their order sheets. They will begin to reach out to the congregation if anyone wants any. If they don't reach out, feel free to contact Hanna Marra, Noah Mulder, or Tyler and Jess Ten Pass. Proceeds will go to any future expenses/possible service projects. Butter Braids can be picked up after the service on November 23 in the kitchen. There will be a separate order sheet in the basement from November 2 until November 16. Please make checks out to First CRC. Thank you all!

The Youth Group kids will be making care packages for the college kids on November 2.. Parents of college kids, please send your student's address to a youth leader before then. There will be a tote in the narthex. Donations can include snacks, gift cards, cards, or anything else that can fit in a shoe box. If there are any questions, feel free to ask Hanna, Noah, or Jess and Tyler.

Community News

Middle School Fall Concert: Join us for an evening of music as our Middle School students share their gifts to glorify God! Monday, October 20, at 6:30 PM, Central Wisconsin Christian – Crusader Centre. Come and be encouraged as our students lift their voices and instruments in praise to the One who gives us every reason to sing.

CWC Servathon – October 31 - On Friday, October 31, from 8:15–11:30 AM, students from Central Wisconsin Christian will be serving the community through their annual Servathon. They're available to help with yard work projects like raking, trimming trees, and cutting down bushes. If you'd like assistance or know someone who could benefit, please contact

Jordan Vander Werff at 26jvanderwerff@wearecwc.org or 920-579-7766. You may also reach the CWC office at office@wearecwc.org. Requests for specific students are welcome!

Randolph Christian School Pie Sale is underway! We are making 3,500 apple pies this fall for our annual fundraiser. Each pie is filled with fresh Wisconsin apples and topped with our famous buttery crumb topping - just \$14 each. To order pies, go through an RCS family or call the school office 920-326-3320. Consider joining us on October 22 to help make them - every pair of hands is a blessing!

High School Fall Concert: You're invited to our High School Fall Concert, an evening of music and worship presented by our talented students.
Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM, Central Wisconsin Christian – Crusader Centre. Experience an inspiring night of worship and music featuring our high school choirs and band.

Bethel CRC (410 S. West St, Waupun) will be having a Hymn Sing on Sunday, November 2, at 5:30 PM. You are welcome to join in on a night of singing some classic hymns of the faith.

Join us for the 14th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, November 4, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC! Come enjoy delicious chili and fellowship while supporting Beautiful Response in its mission to provide hope, education, food, shelter, and medical care to vulnerable and orphaned children through Raising Up Hope for Uganda (RUHU). Thank you for making this event a success over the past 13 years! The chili supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer program, and all funds raised will support RUHU's important work. THANK YOU for your faithful and generous support!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	12:00 PM	Pastor Appreciation Potluck at CWC
	4:27 PM	Youth Group – Personal Devotions
Wednesday:	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 6
	5:30 PM	Women's Bible Study Light Supper Kickoff
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

Children’s Worship

Becca Vree, Ellie Mulder

Nursery

Jenna Mulder, Jen Ritzema, Noralyn Durni

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

PPT

Lois Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Brad Schouten

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)

Come People of the Risen King

Verse 1: Come people of the Risen King - Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing - To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth - We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach - To gather children in

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice - O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2: Come those whose joy is morning sun - And those weeping through
the night - Come those who tell of battles won - And those struggling in the
fight - For His perfect love will never change - And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days - With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3: Come young and old from ev'ry land - Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands - Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing - Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age - Our God is all in all

Great Are You Lord

Verse: You give life You are love - You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs - So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise - It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge: And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing - Great are You Lord (REPEAT)

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Sermon Notes