

10/15/2023

# 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

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Psalm 62" "Great is Thy Faithfulness" G556

Confession and Assurance: Our World Belongs to God #15, 17, 19,  
24, 27, 28 (responsively)

Song of Worship: "Behold Our God"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Gideons

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

Song of Worship: "Take My Life and Let It Be" G288:1, 3, 4, 6

\*Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

Message: "Belonging to Christ"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Who You Say I Am"

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader: Al Venhuizen
- Sermon: Bill Zuhlke
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass,  
Lois Mulder, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Gregg and Kristi  
Zonnefeld
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie  
Mulder, Kolten Buwalda, Morgan  
Buwalda

- Nursery: Casey Homan, Aubryn  
DeJager, Troy Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van  
Herwaarden

**Missionary Letters**

K Venhuizen to Neen\*  
T Venhuizen 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.

## **Our Family**

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

- **Lori Venhuizen**, surgery this Thursday.
- **Shirley Otto**, knee surgery this Wednesday.
- **Eden Homan**, spinal surgery recovery
- **Sandy Greenfield**, in hospice care.
- **Carol Greenfield**, healing at home.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** There are so many different ways (cards with personal messages from each member of your household, meals, gift cards) 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.

**In honor of Pastor Schuringa and his family**, we will have a potluck meal on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Central Wisconsin Christian, beginning at 5 PM. Buns and pork will be provided, along with dessert and table service. Please bring a side dish, hot or cold, to pass, along with your drinks. Join us as we together express our thanks to Pastor Greg.

## **Church News**

As announced, we are having a **Congregational Meeting** after the worship service today to seek the congregation's input on a plan by the Council to repair our parking lot. Details were in a letter in church mailboxes on October 8. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting. Professing members may participate and adult professing members may vote on Council's motion and are encouraged to do so.

**Pastor Greg Schuringa** is planning to return to his usual pastoral duties tomorrow after a study week.

## **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- October 29—WIEA Update in Worship
- November 3—Gregg Zonnefeld preaching; Pastor Greg at Living Hope to preach and lead Lord's Supper
- November 22—Thanksgiving Worship at 6 PM

- December 3, 10, 17—Advent Sermon Series, “Christmas in the Old Testament”
- December 3—Communion
- December 10, 5 PM—Community Service of Lessons and Carols at City Hall (hosted by the Waupun Ministers’ Association)
- December 17—Kids’ Christmas in Worship
- December 24—9:30 AM—Christmas service;  
5 PM—Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
- December 31—Old Year/New Year Worship with Matt Hofman

The afternoon **Women’s Bible Study** is NOT meeting this week. They will resume studies on November 1 at 1:00 PM

Looking for a fun night out?! **Please join the First/Bethel High School Youth Group** on Wednesday, October 25, for a “Never Too Old To Be Young” game night at Bethel CRC. All ages welcome, 9-99!! Games start at 6:30 PM. Light snacks and beverages provided.

**Mark your calendars for a date night out or relaxing family night in!** On Wednesday, November 8, the Beaver Dam Benvenuto’s will be helping our high school students raise funds for the Bethel/First Youth Group with all dine-in and carry-out orders that mention our Bethel/First Youth Group. So, plan a fun lunch with friends, date night out, or a cozy family night in and let the Beaver Dam Benvenuto’s take care of the menu! Just make sure you mention our Bethel/First Youth Group when you order so they give our group credit.

**Youth Group sub sales have begun.** Please reach out to one of the high school students, youth group mentors, or Jen Vlietstra @ 507-227-1859 if you’d like to place an order; \$6 each or \$30 per half dozen. Orders are due November 1 and will be made and ready for you to pick up on Wednesday, November 15, at Bethel from 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Do you know what the middle school youth group’s name, S.W.a.T., means?** It stands for Serve, Witness and Train! Each month we look to incorporate at least one of those areas into our meeting. Next month in addition to our regular meeting, our middle school youth group students will be hosting our freewill donation SWaT Dinner and a Movie at Bethel on Friday, November 10. This will be a fun way for our middle school students to serve our families, friends, and community, plus raise funds for their Christmas service project. So, join us for a night to chillax with family n friends. Supper will be served from 5:30-6:45 (or until we run out) and the movie will start at 7:00. Further details coming soon!

**GEMS is selling Tastefully Simple** for their one and only fundraiser! There are catalogs in the narthex or find the Waupun GEMS group on Facebook or ask a GEMS girl for the links to order and support our awesome group! We have had quite a few more girls the last few years, but have not received more orders, so if you could help us out and place an order, that would be great! Please contact Annie Syens with any questions (920-318-2289).

**A Night in Bethlehem is being planned for December 3.** We are putting a new twist on the event we have done in the past. This year we want our guests to walk the streets of Bethlehem and experience the sights and sounds of a bustling village. WE NEED YOUR HELP to create this special event. We will need shop keepers, guides, shepherds, and various other roles. Look for a Sign-Up Genius and more information to come soon!! Be sure to mark your calendar and consider how you can help share the good news of Christmas!!

### **Community News**

**The CWC High School band and Choirs** will host their first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 24. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we use our God given talents to worship His Holy name.

**Central Wisconsin Christian's annual Servathon** is quickly approaching! On Friday, October 27, from 8 to 11:30 AM, CWC's high schoolers will break out into groups to serve families and businesses throughout Waupun and all of our neighboring communities and towns. Is there something that we can do to help you? Do you know of someone that would be blessed by us helping them? If yes, please reach out to CWC's High School Office at 920-324-4233 ext 310 or send an email to [kgreenfield@wearecwc.org](mailto:kgreenfield@wearecwc.org). Please be sure we have your request by Friday, October 20, so we can ensure it is included in our scheduling. We are excited to serve within our communities! This will be a great day!

**Chili Festival Drive-Thru Event** at Emanuel Lutheran Church (107 South Prairie St, Brandon): Sunday, October 29, 11 AM – 1 PM. Convenient drive in and drive out. Buy our famous chili by the quart. Includes two dessert servings for just \$8.

**Central Wisconsin Christian will soon be bringing their rendition of Our Town to the stage.** This play is a 3-act play written by Thornton Wilder in 1938 and is considered by some to be the best play to ever be written. It is based in a small New Hampshire town and goes through three themes that affect every human being: life, love and marriage, and death. Please join us for one of our performances Nov. 2, 3 or 4 at 6:30. Tickets are

available in advance through the main office or at the door starting at 6 PM the night of each performance. We hope to see you there!

**“Old Fashioned Hymn Sing”** at Friesland Community Church on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

**Join us for the 12th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper** on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bethel CRC! Come out and enjoy some amazing chili and fellowship as you support Beautiful Response in its work to provide the life-changing gifts of education, food, shelter, and medical care to vulnerable and orphaned kids at Raising Up Hope for Uganda (RUHU). Thank you for making this event such a great success over the past 11 years! This chili supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys’ Soccer program, and all funds raised go to support the great work being done by RUHU. THANK YOU for your support!

**Calendar**

- Today:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Congregational Meeting  
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM Youth Group FunNight at Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study (Upper Room)  
6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Sunday:** 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

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

**Coffee**

Randall and Kim Greenfield

**PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

**Children’s Worship**

Becca Vree, Cassidy Ritzema, Troy Hoffman

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Nursery**

Mackenzie Mulder, Kaytlin Ruis, Adrianna Schuringa

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Ben Mulder, Brad Schouten

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)

## Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

**Verse 1:** My soul finds rest in God alone - My rock and my salvation  
 A fortress strong against my foes - And I will not be shaken  
 Though lips may bless and hearts may curse - And lies like arrows pierce me  
 I'll fix my heart on righteousness - I'll look to Him who hears me

**Chorus:** (And) O praise Him hallelujah - My Delight and my Reward  
 Everlasting never failing - My Redeemer my God

**Verse 2:** Find rest my soul in God alone - Amid the world's temptations  
 When evil seeks to take a hold - I'll cling to my salvation  
 Though riches come and riches go - Don't set your heart upon them  
 The fields of hope in which I sow - Are harvested in heaven

**Verse 3:** I'll set my gaze on God alone - And trust in Him completely  
 With ev'ry day pour out my soul - And He will prove His mercy  
 Though life is but a fleeting breath - A sigh too brief to measure  
 My King has crushed the curse of death - And I am His forever

**Bridge:** O praise Him, O praise Him - Hallelujah, hallelujah  
 O praise Him, O praise Him - Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
 O praise Him, O praise Him - Hallelujah, hallelujah

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## Behold Our God

**Verse 1:** Who has held the oceans in His hands  
 Who has numbered every grain of sand  
 Kings and nations tremble at His voice - All creation rises to rejoice

**Chorus:** Behold our God seated on His throne - Come let us adore Him  
 Behold our King nothing can compare - Come let us adore Him

**Verse 2:** Who has given counsel to the Lord  
 Who can question any of His words

Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

**Verse 3:** Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man - God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

**Bridge:** You will reign forever - (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever - (Let Your glory fill)

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## **Who You Say I Am**

**Verse 1:** Who am I that the highest King - Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in - Oh His love for me  
Oh, His love for me

**Chorus 1:** Who the Son sets free - Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

**Verse 2:** Free at last - He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep - While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me - Yes He died for me

**Chorus 2:** In my Father's house - There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

**Bridge:** I am chosen not forsaken - I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me - I am who You say I am

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## **We Receive Your Blessing**

**Chorus:** We receive Your blessing - We receive Your grace  
As we walk in the light - Shining from Your face  
May the peace that You give - Change the way that we live  
We receive Your blessing - As we leave this place

**Bridge:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below - Praise Him above you heavenly hosts  
Praise Father Son and praise the Holy Ghost

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