

# 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://waupuncrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto: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: Responsive Reading "Praise and Bless the Lord" R73

\*Song of Worship: "To God Be the Glory" R56

\*Greeting those in Worship

\*Song of Worship: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" R79:1-4

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: "Blessed Assurance" R572

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and The Gideons

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

Ministry of Music: "Goodness of God"

\*Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-17

Message: "I Know Where You Live"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "It Is Well with My Soul" R705:1, 3, 4

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Praise" G319:1-2

\*Postlude

### **Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Tim Vanden  
Langenberg
- Worship Leader: Ken Homan
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Ministry of Music: Elsa Homan
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander  
Berg
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois  
Mulder, Randall Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree,  
Ellie Mulder
- Nursery: Jenna Mulder, Jen  
Ritzema, Noralyn Durni
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Brad  
Schouten

### **Missionary Letters**

B Van Herwaarden to Neen/Angel

T Van Herwaarden 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:**

- **Kathy Kamphuis** passed away on Thursday morning. Her cancer had spread. Our sympathies to her family, including sister-in-law Margaret (and Martin) Miedema.
- **Norm Jansma**, signs the treatments have been effective, one more on Tuesday.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, surgery recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, next MRI on Monday, chemotherapy treatments.

**Pastor Schuringa** plans to be back in the office this Thursday after a study week.

## 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 new TODAY devotionals are here!** Unfortunately, the large print versions will not arrive until next week, but they are coming.

**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

**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.

**Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign:** Our church will be ringing the bells on Saturday, November 29, at Piggly Wiggly from 9 AM to 5 PM. We are looking for people willing to ring the bells for an hour or two that day, and also to head this project in the coming years as Arky Navis is stepping down. Please talk to Lois in the office if you have any questions or to sign up.

**Dear Congregation:** Thank you for stepping into God's mission through your generous support of Resonate! Through your church's giving to Resonate, your congregation has taken a step of faith into a bigger story to which God has called us as members of the global church. You have taken a step to share the gospel—and God is using your church's mission and generosity to bring transformation to lives, families, and communities all over the world! God's story is bigger than we could ever imagine, and we all have a part to play in this story. In a world marred by hunger, sickness, violence, grief, and despair, the gospel is good news. Your congregation is walking alongside Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders as they share the good news of the gospel that brings fullness, healing, peace, and hope! Thank you for joining people all over the world on their faith journeys. Through your partnership with Resonate, your church is not only a donor—you are a member of the global church who is responding to God's call to spread the gospel among peoples and nations!

- Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

**Thank you so very much for your donations** totaling \$2,470.12. We truly appreciate the generosity of people like you. These gifts enable us to assist those in our community who are struggling. – Waupun Area Food Pantry

**Thank you for the generosity you recently showed to Beautiful Response** with your donation to support our general fund. Your gift was truly a blessing and we are so grateful. Your generosity allows us to continue supporting our partner organizations in Uganda and Haiti. Your gift ensures that the most vulnerable kids are fed, housed, and educated. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference in the lives of these kids and for standing with us in this work. – Laura Hoekstra, Beautiful Response

**Thank you for your ongoing partnership in the gospel.** We are so grateful for your support as we seek to make Christ known. There are a few partnership prayer cards on the table in the narthex. On the back side, individuals can learn how to give or join or newsletter.

- Worker in Southeast Asia – Global Serve International

## **Community News**

**Coffee Break meets at Bethel CRC** on Wednesdays at 9 AM for a time of singing and Bible Study. We will be studying Colossians for the next six weeks. All ladies are invited to join us!

**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](mailto:26jvanderwerff@wearecwc.org) or 920-579-7766. You may also reach the CWC office at [office@wearecwc.org](mailto:office@wearecwc.org). Requests for specific students are welcome!

**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  
**Tuesday:** 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
**Wednesday:** 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study – Lesson 7  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**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)  
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**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

**Coffee**

Randall and Kim Greenfield

**PPT**

Katie DeJager

**Children's Worship**

Stacy Schaver, Jules Mulder

**Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

**Nursery**

Andrea Buwalda, Hailey Wagner,  
Kolton Buwalda

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

## **Brother Bob Phillipines – Monthly Ministry Report**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I would like to share some recent events in our ministry and the challenges our country faces. We have been shaken by a strong earthquake that affected almost the entire country. Many lives were lost in Bogo Cebu, the epicenter in Visayas, as well as in Metro Manila and Davao. The devastation is immense, with many houses and businesses destroyed, and aftershocks are frequent, which is unsettling as we have experienced several earthquakes recently. We had just recovered from flooding when this new calamity struck. It feels as though the Lord is reminding the people of our country to return to Him in humility and repentance.

Our government has suspended face-to-face public school and some private classes, and some government offices are also closed. We fear that these calamities will affect the food supply, causing prices to rise and disproportionately impacting the poor. We continue to rely on God's mercy.

We are having fruitful Bible studies and fellowship in the prisons. The men there are a blessing to me and I am encouraged to see them growing in the Lord and remaining faithful to His word. I apologize that I cannot send pictures from the prisons at this time. There was a problem a month ago in one of the prisons in Negros occidental. The men make a noise to protest for the warden's maltreatment to some of the men inside. The pictures are being withheld since last month.

Despite so many challenges, we trust that the Lord knows what he is doing, and we continue to pray for His guidance and protection. We are grateful that we can still assist those in need in our community. Our elderly and widows are especially thankful for your help. Please continue to pray that the Lord will heal our land and spare us from further calamity.

Thank you for all prayers and support for us and the ministry.

May God bless you always!

In Christ  
Neen and Angel

**Sermon Notes**