

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: "Blessed Be Your Name" "How Deep"
"Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "You Are My All in All" R583

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

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 4

Message: "Zechariah #5: Do You See What I See? Never, Never,
Never Give Up"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "The Power of the Cross"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Song of Worship: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" G493

(during the passing of the bread)

Song of Worship: "Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart" G419

(during the passing of the cups)

Song of Thanksgiving: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" G475:1-3

(During this song, our Deacons will receive an offering for our Benevolent Fund to help those in need.)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Scripture Reading: Jen Ritzema
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield (vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Beth Schlieve, Scott Ritzema
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Hailey Bresser, Lynnae Franken, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder

- Ushers: Noah Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

S Smits to Neen/Angel*

B Te Grootenhuis 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), 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.



Fund	August	Fiscal YTD	YTD Budget	% of YTD Budget
General	\$35,525.98	\$64,699.25	\$67,313.16	96.11%
Most Needed	\$3,686.50	\$6,664.20	NA	NA
Faith Promise	\$2,471.10	\$3,936.33	\$2,600.00	150%
Classical	\$2,317.49	\$2,871.31	\$4,333.33	66.25%
Denominational	\$2,147.59	\$2,561.49	\$4,333.33	59.10%
Benevolent	\$1,059.39	\$1,338.31	NA	NA
Total *	\$47,208.50	\$82,070.89	NA	NA

*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Norm Jansma**, one more chemotherapy treatment.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, recovery after surgery.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, surgery recovery.
- **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 reserve Sunday, October 19 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

Lord's Supper in Worship Today. If you are a guest with us, you are invited to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning if you are a member in good standing of another Bible believing church. If you are not, we encourage you not to participate, but to pray about whether God is calling you to take next steps forward in your faith journey by joining a church that stands on the historic Christian faith, centered in Jesus Christ, as we read about in the Bible, and even to consider joining First CRC! If you are interested in membership at First, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

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).

Girls from the GEMS Club are selling Tastefully Simple. Please consider ordering a bread, dip or sauce to support all these awesome girls! The funds we raise help pay for our badge books and activities. Catalogs with order forms have been placed on the tables in the fellowship hall. You can email or text your order to any GEMS parent or to anniesyens@yahoo.com / 318-2289. Please help the girls out so they can earn prizes from this sale!

There will be an evening Women's Bible Study this fall using "Restore," a study on the book of Joel. It's just three lessons long and will start on Oct. 22 with a light supper and introduce the study, and will meet on Nov. 5 and 18, and Dec. 3. Let Sarah Schuringa know if you are interested by Oct. 7.

We will have a Men's Bible Study starting up again this fall. The group will be meeting bi-weekly on Tuesday nights starting on October 14. The study that we will be using is called "Practicing the Way." If you are interested in

being a part of this group, contact Mike Vander Berg by October 7. We would love to have you join!

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**. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius link coming soon, or feel free to talk with Gladys or Bonnie if you have any questions. Recipes will be available in the foyer. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Community News

The Fond du Lac County Right to Life “Stand for Life Sunday” is TODAY. Stand with us for one hour of silent prayer for the unborn and vulnerable. This will be taking place at the corner of W Johnson St and Peters Ave in Fond du Lac from 2-3 PM.

Connections Breakfast – Men's Gathering: Mark your calendar for the next **ONE Waupun Men's Breakfast** on **Saturday, October 18, at 7:30 AM**, held at **Main Street Bistro**. If you haven't joined us before, this is the perfect chance to start your morning with a delicious breakfast, meaningful fellowship, and a powerful message. We'll be finished by **8:30 AM**, so you'll still have plenty of time to take on the rest of your day. **Bring a friend — all are welcome!**

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!

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County and Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam are planning an Autumn Event on Monday, October 13, from 11 AM to 10 PM. A lovely way to enjoy a fall day. Sit down, relax, order in or out. Enjoy a tasty meal with family and friends. Mention the PSCDC and Benevenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC.

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

Emanuel Lutheran Chili Festival will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 4–6 PM. Dine-In, Drive-Thru and Carry-Outs - \$10. **CARRY-OUTS & DRIVE-THRU: \$10 for One Quart of Chili and Two Desserts.** 107 S. Prairie St., Brandon, WI. The church is handicapped accessible. Funded by Thrivent Financial.

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:27 PM	Youth Group – Prayer Life
	6:00 PM	Youth Couples' Life Group
Tuesday	11:45 AM	WIEA Luncheon (Lower Level)
Wednesday:	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 5
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Accompanist	Livestream
Brenda Hofman	Rachel Hoffman

George and Karen Aalsma Kim Greenfield

Casey Homan, Levi Holbach Cayden Ruis

Emily Mulder, Becca Vree, Rynn Aalsma

Ben and Jonah Mulder

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)

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1: Blessed be Your name - In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name

Verse 2: Blessed be Your name - When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll - Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord - Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3: Blessed be Your name - When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name

Verse 4: Blessed be Your name - On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

Bridge: You give and take away - You give and take away
My heart will choose to say - Lord blessed be Your name

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Jesus Take All Of Me (Just As I Am)

Verse 1: Just as I am without one plea - But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee - O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 2: Just as I am though toss'd about - With all my conflict all my doubt
Fightings and fears within without - O Lamb of God I come I come

Chorus: Jesus take all of me - I run to You I run to You
I lay ev'rything at Your feet - Let my life be Yours

Verse 3: Just as I am Thou wilt receive - Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy promises I believe - O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 4: Just as I am Thy love unknown - Has broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone - O Lamb of God I come I come

Ending: Jesus take all of me - I come to You, I run to You
I lay ev'rything at Your feet - Take me as I am

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The Power of the Cross

Verse 1: Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day - Christ on the road to Calvary - Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then - Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus 1: This the pow'r of the cross - Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath - We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 2: Oh, to see the pain written on Your face - Bearing the awesome weight of sin - Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Verse 3: Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head - Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life - Finished the vict'ry cry

Verse 4: Oh, to see my name written in the wounds - For through Your suffering I am free - Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Chorus 2: This the pow'r of the cross - Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost - We stand forgiven at the cross

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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Sermon Notes