

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

*Song of Thanksgiving: "We Praise You, O God" G237

God's Will for Thankful Living

*Songs of Worship: "Forever"

"We Fall Down"

"Hear, O Lord, and Answer"

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Worship: "The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life" G23

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

Offerings for the Local Budget and Waupun Food Pantry

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

Song of Worship: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" G458

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 11:4-17

Message: "Zechariah #10: Do You See What I See? What Good
Shepherds Do"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" R688

*Benediction

*Doxology: "We Will Glorify" R105:1-3

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Grace Bruins, Elsa Homan, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth Schlieve, Mike Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Jen Ritzema, Joy Mulder

- Nursery: Aubryn DeJager, Jessica Ten Pass, Jules Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

Missionary Letters

A Venhuizen to Neen/Angel*

D 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 of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (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:

- **Judy Groen**, her sister in hospice in Duluth, MN, passed away on Wednesday. Our deepest sympathy to Judy and Curt.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, recovery from surgery this past week.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Helene Navis**, hospitalization due to an infection.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Laura Venhuizen**, recovery from surgery.
- **Al Venhuizen**, home in recovery after a hospital stay due to a very bad virus.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, recovering from surgery, but bad hip pain now.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, in hospice care.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 26, Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Thanksgiving Worship Service
- November 30, First Sunday of Advent – guest pastor Joe De Haan from Covenant CRC, Appleton
- December 7, Lord's Supper in Worship

Butter Braids are back!! Youth Group members will get their order sheets today. 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 Nov. 23 in the kitchen. There will be a separate order sheet in the basement from Nov. 2-16. Please make checks out to First CRC. Thank you all!

A Night in Bethlehem: Our church is excited to once again host “**A Night in Bethlehem**” on **Sunday, December 21, from 4:30–6:00 PM!** This special outreach event brings the story of Jesus' birth to life as we recreate

the streets of Bethlehem for our community to experience. To make this evening truly memorable, we'll need many hands and hearts to help. Please **mark your calendars** and **watch for opportunities to serve** in the coming weeks. Together, let's share the wonder and joy of that holy night with our neighbors!

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.

Bible League fellowship: This Tuesday, November 18, from 10:00-11:30 AM, right here at First CRC. Come enjoy coffee, a light snack, and good company while being encouraged about the Lord's work to strengthen and equip His Church around the world. (Let us know if you can make it. Deanna Van Swol | dvanswol@bibleleague.org | 708-367-8541).

If you are interested in **membership at First CRC**, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

If you are interested in **profession of faith**, please contact Scott Ritzema.

First CRC Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a long-time member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

You Are Doing More Than You Know! Thank you! The collective ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is flourishing thanks to your generous ministry shares gifts. Together, we are training church planters, equipping leaders, and strengthening local congregations like ours. We are sharing Christ's love and expanding discipleship here and around the world. Learn more at crcna.org/ministryshares.

Community News

Come out and join the Randolph Christian School 5K Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 27! What a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day

and enjoy a little exercise with friends and family beginning at 8 AM. Register in advance (or the day of the event) at RCS or follow this online link <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Randolph/RCSTurkeyTrot>. The 5K begins and ends at Randolph Christian School. Hope to see you there!

Denominational News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Chaplaincy Sunday - Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals, prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God's love wherever they are. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Did you know? The *Today* devotional is celebrating 75 years. In January 1950, *The Back to God Hour*, now known as [ReFrame Ministries](http://ReFrameMinistries.com), sent the first 5,000 copies of the new daily devotional booklet, originally titled *The Family Altar*. Immediately, the radio ministry began to receive requests for even more of the devotional booklet. Three months later, the program shipped 30,000 copies in one month. In 2025, *Today* reaches hundreds of thousands of readers and listeners worldwide in four languages. *Today* is still available as a little booklet, but *Today* also reaches readers on the web, email, mobile app, radio, podcast, social media, and even virtual assistant (e.g., Alexa). To learn more about *Today's* 75th anniversary, visit todaydevotional.com/75years.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:27 PM	Youth Group – Dating Relationships
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Bible League Fellowship (Lower Level)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
Wednesday:	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – 9 (Upper Room)
	5:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting (Lower Level)
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ The Union
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (Lower Level)
Sunday:	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	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

Steve and Heidi Smits

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Lenny Aalsma

Nursery

Becca Vree, Hailey Bresser, Rynn Aalsma

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Kim Greenfield

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

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)

Forever

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord - Our God and King

His love endures forever - For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2: With a mighty hand - And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever - For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus: Sing praise sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful - Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us – Forever, forever

Verse 3: From the rising to the setting sun - His love endures forever

And by the grace of God - We will carry on

His love endures forever - Sing praise sing praise

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We Fall Down

Verse: We fall down - We lay our crowns - At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love - At the feet of Jesus

Chorus: And we cry holy, holy, holy - And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy holy is the Lamb

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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 - I will praise You
I will praise You - Glorify Your name, O Lord

CCLI Song # 38129 - Dori Howard | Tom Howard

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Sermon Notes