

11/19/2023

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

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

PO Box 32, Waupun

9:30 AM Worship Service
* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-7

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Great Things" "Goodness of God"
"It is Good to Give Thanks"

God's Will for Thankful Living – Matthew 22:37-40

Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 10

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Waupun Food Pantry

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

Song of Worship: "For the Beauty of the Earth" G432

Prayer for Illumination

*Scripture Reading: Esther 4:12-14

Message: "Old Testament Heroes of the Faith #8: Esther—The
Beautiful Providence of God"

*Song of Blessing: "The Blessing"

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" G454:1, 3

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Laura Ten Pass (piano); Matt Bulthuis (acoustic guitar); Hanna Marra (percussion); Hollie Ganz, Kim Greenfield, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Beth Schlieve, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden

- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield, Olivia Vander Werff, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Becca Vree, Andrea Buwalda, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

T Aalsma to Neen*
R Aylesworth 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 (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. 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:

- **Ken Ten Pas**, home, more doctoring, artery blockage that needs clearing.
- **Shirley Otto**, knee replacement recovery.
- **Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Louis Wierenga**, recovering from COVID at home.

I would like to thank the congregation for prayers, visits, and many other acts of kindness during these past months. Recovery is going well.

- Carol Greenfield

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 22—Thanksgiving Worship at 6 PM. Please come ready to share what you're thankful for with a word or phrase—Pastor Greg will go throughout the sanctuary looking for people to share when we gather for our Thanksgiving worship service.
- November 27—Final of Heroes of the Faith Sermon Series: Nehemiah
- December 3, 10, 17—Advent Sundays
- 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

Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the entry.

No Coffee Break on Wednesday, November 22. We will be on Lesson #4 when we resume on Wednesday, November 29.

A Night in Bethlehem - December 3, 4:30-6:00

The time is getting closer to wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. When you arrive, you are asked to bring canned food as your tax payment to enter the city of Bethlehem. Please consider being involved by caroling, as we are in need of more. If you have questions, talk to Kristi Zonnefeld.

Those involved in A Night in Bethlehem:

- If you are a character, please pick up your costume after the service on November 26 at the front of the church.
- If you signed up to bring food, please bring those items to church on the morning of December 3.

Public Profession of Faith. If you have interest in making public profession of your faith, please reach out to Scott Ritzema in the near future to talk about next steps and what that might look like. Thank you!

Community News

Thursday, November 23 – Come out and join our 5K Turkey Trot! 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 Randolph Christian School or follow this online link <http://www.runsignup.com/RCSturkeytrot>. The 5K begins and ends at the school. Hope to see you there!

Pancakes & Pajamas - Saturday, November 25 – 9 AM-Noon at Living Hope Community Church, Fox Lake. Drop the kiddos off for a morning off to shop, hunt, decorate, or whatever! Children may wear comfy pajamas and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, watch a Christian Christmas movie, and do some fun activities. All ages are welcome. Free event for our community. Register online at <https://lhc.breezechms.com/form/1f70f7>. Please bring a canned good to support our Food Pantry.

Many of you look forward to shopping on Black Friday and ordering on Cyber Monday. Central Wisconsin Christian invites you to be generous this year on Giving Tuesday! We value you as Kingdom investors in the lives of our students, and encourage you to experience the joy of giving on Tuesday, November 28. Whether you stop by our campus to make your gift in person or give online at WeAreCWC.org you are helping in our mission to

prepare kids to glorify God and serve in His world, training and shaping the next generation of our families, churches, and communities.
#WhereChristIsCentral

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 3, at 6 PM. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and also enjoying musical performances by a variety of soloists along with The New Generation Singers and The United Men of Praise. A freewill offering will be shared equally with Awaken Kids and REACH, both Waupun organizations that support the youth of our communities.

FREE Christmas Concert - Sat., Dec. 16, @ 6:30PM. Living Hope Community Church of Fox Lake invites you to an inspirational Christmas concert. The concert will feature Christmas music from across the ages performed in JEAN WATSON's unique "celtic" style. It is sure to be an evening not to be forgotten! Jean is classically trained in voice and violin, and plays the keyboard. So beloved is she in Ireland, one of her videos featured the cast of "Game of Thrones". She has worked with some of the biggest names in Christian music (Billy Smiley, Phil Keaggy, Michael W Smith, Peter Furler and others).

Calendar

Today: 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
5:00 PM Homan Life Group (lower level)

Wednesday: 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Accompanist
Brenda Hofman

PPT
Lois Mulder

Nursery
You will be called

Sound System
Joe Bresser

Livestream
Randall Greenfield

Transportation
Bob Mulder

Ushers
Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Jenna Schouten, Levi Holbach

Nursery

Phylcia Coda, Jessica Ten Pass, Tirzah Ritzema

Livestream

Brad Mulder

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian O'Donovan, Andy Schlieve

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)

Great Things

Verse 1: Come let us worship our King - Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things - See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes - He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2: You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore - You have done great things
And I know You will do it again - For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things - God You do great things

Bridge: Hallelujah, God above it all – Hallelujah, God unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things - You've done great things

Ending: You have done great things - O God You do great things

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Goodness Of God

Verse 1: I love You Lord - Oh Your mercy never fails me - All my days
I've been held in Your hands - From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head - I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful - All my life You have been so, so
good - With every breath that I am able - I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2: I love Your voice - You have led me through the fire
In darkest night - You are close like no other - I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend - I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge: Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
With my life laid down - I'm surrendered now
I give You everything - Your goodness is running after - It's running after me

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It Is Good To Give Thanks

Verse 1: It is good to give thanks - Unto Thee, oh my God
To sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High
To show forth Thy love by morning - Thy faithfulness by night
To sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High

Chorus: Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord, of the Lord
Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord, of the Lord

Verse 2: It is good to give thanks - Unto Thee, oh my God
To exalt Thy holy name – Oh, Most High
Lord, how righteous are Thy ways – How great are all Thy works
We sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High

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The Blessing

Verse: The Lord bless you - And keep you - Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you - The Lord turn his - Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus: Amen – Amen - Amen

Bridge: May his favor - Be upon you - And a thousand generations
And your family - And your children - And their children - And their children

Bridge: May his presence - Go before you - And behind you
And beside you - All around you - And within you - He is with you
He is with you

Bridge: In the morning - In the evening - In your coming - And your going
In your weeping - And rejoicing - He is for you - He is for you

Tag: He is for you - He is for you

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Sermon Notes