

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 (waupunrc.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 (waupunrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupunrc.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: "Behold Our God"

"Living Waters"

"I Am Not My Own"

Remembering the Persecuted Church

*Song of Worship: "Christian, Do You Struggle?" G575

Congregational Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

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

Song of Worship: "Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer" G421

Prayer for Illumination

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9

Message: "Zechariah #8: Do You See What I See? The King Who Comes to You"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Come, Thou Almighty King" G246

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" G638

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Katie DeJager, Gladys Montsma
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Jules Mulder

- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Hailey Wagner, Kolton Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

D Vande Berg to Neen/Angel*
M Vander Berg 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.



Fund	September	Fiscal YTD	YTD Budget	% of YTD Budget
General	\$38,943.18	\$103,642.43	\$100,969.63	102.00%
Most Needed	\$5,752.30	\$12,416.50	N/A	N/A
Faith Promise	\$1,372.97	\$5,309.30	\$3,900.00	13600.00%
Classical	\$1,008.13	\$3,879.44	\$6,500.00	59.70%
Denominational	\$808.18	\$3,369.67	\$6,500.00	51.80%
Benevolent	\$423.53	\$1,761.83	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$48,308.29	\$130,379.18	N/A	N/A
*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed.				

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Judy Groen**, sister in hospice care in Duluth.
- **Kathy Kamphuis**, funeral services this past Friday.
- **Norm Jansma**, effective treatments, last scheduled one this past Tuesday.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Shirley Otto**, undergoing treatment for a collapsed lung.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, surgery recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, stable MRI, but still experiencing health challenges, doctor visit this past Thursday for next steps.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 26, Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Thanksgiving Worship Service

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 anyone 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), Adam Franken (Deacon Secretary).

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!

The Youth Group kids will be making care packages for the college kids tonight. Parents of college kids, please send your student's address to a youth leader before then. There is 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.

Thank You for Serving at the Community Table! We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and to those who donated food items for our recent Community Table meal. Because of your generosity and service, we were able to serve **109 meals** to our neighbors! Your kindness and compassion continue to make a difference in our community.

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.

Community News

Bethel CRC (410 S. West St, Waupun) will be having a Hymn Sing

tonight 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, Nov. 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!

On Thursday, Nov. 6, Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam is hosting a fundraiser for **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** from 4-8 PM.

Veterans Day Program: Please join us at Central Wisconsin Christian School as we honor the men and women who have faithfully served our country in the armed forces. Our Veterans Day Program will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 2:00 PM** in the Crusader Gym. Students will share music, readings, and reflections as we express our gratitude for the sacrifices made for our freedom. All veterans, families, and community members are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful day together!

CWC Presents: Annie: Join us for Central Wisconsin Christian's fall musical production of *Annie*! This beloved classic tells the inspiring story of optimism, family, and hope—even in the hardest of times. Performances will be held: **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, at 6:30 PM.** Tickets: **\$8 for adults | \$6 for students | \$6 for bleacher seating.** Come enjoy an evening of music and heartwarming storytelling as our talented students bring this Broadway favorite to life. All are welcome!

Join us for our next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 15, from 7:30–8:30 AM.** Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by **Todd Cupery** and be inspired by guest speaker **Jon Venhuizen**. Everyone is welcome—come connect, share, and start your day with great food and conversation!

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:27 PM	Youth Group (College Care Packages)
	6:00 PM	Young Couples Life Group
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	GEMS – Dress Like Mom/Bring food pantry item
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting (Lower Level)
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Troy Hoffman

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Phylicia Coda,
Jonah Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Noah Mulder, Andy Schlieve

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)

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) (REPEAT)
You will reign forever - (Let Your glory fill)

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Living Waters

Verse 1: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken - Peace unspoken - Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling - Find refreshing - At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down - All the old gone - Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows - With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God - There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore - Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving - Mercy washing - Healing in these living waters
Lead your children - To the shoreline - Life is in these living waters

Verse 4: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness - Vast and boundless - Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure - Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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I Am Not My Own

Verse 1: The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known - I am His creation the Maker's masterpiece - And all that He designs will be done in me

Verse 2: My body is a temple of the Living God - I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought - As I bear His image O may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

Chorus: I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own –
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own - I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own

Verse 3: And if He has redeemed me I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone - He declares my standing and He
declares my state - So I will know myself by the name He gave

Verse 4: I am not my own and now my heart is free - O Maker come and
make what You will of me - There is nothing broken that You can not repair
So, Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

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Sermon Notes