

# 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

\*Songs of Thanksgiving and Worship: "With Grateful Heart My  
Thanks I Bring" G183 "On That Day"  
"It Is Good to Give Thanks"

Baptism of Sophie Elizabeth Bresser

\*Song of Commitment: "Living Waters"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Waupun Food Pantry

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

Song of Worship: "I Love Your Church, O Lord" G510

\*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 12

Message: "Zechariah #11: Do You See What I See? A Thanksgiving  
Report on the City of God"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" R400

\*Benediction

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

\*Postlude

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

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanists: Marlyce Mulder and  
Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Hanna  
Marra (percussion); Michelle  
Mulder, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Kim  
Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie  
Mulder, Lenny Aalsma

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Hailey  
Bresser, Rynn Aalsma
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brian  
O'Donovan

### **Missionary Letters**

H Venhuizen to Neen/Angel

K 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:**

- **Joey Eckberg**, grandson of Wayne and Faith Miedema passed away last Sunday afternoon. Our sympathy to them and the family. Services were held yesterday as shared by church email..
- **Rachel Hoffman**, recovery from surgery.
- **Dan Montsma**, knee surgery on Wednesday.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Helene Navis**, kidney stone removal on Monday.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Laura Venhuizen**, recovery from surgery.
- **Al Venhuizen**, recovery after hospital stay.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, recovering from surgery, additional pain continues.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, in hospice care.

**Directory Update:** Marcia Buteyn's phone number is 920-821-3595.

## 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
- December 14, 5 PM at the Waupun Community Center – Service of Lessons and Carols

As a way to enhance our **Thanksgiving Worship Service this Wednesday at 6:30 PM**, please consider sharing with our church family what you're thankful for this year in a word or phrase when Pastor Greg gives an opportunity to share what we're thankful for.

**Butter Braids can be picked up after the service today in the kitchen.**

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.

**Lessons and Carols**—please join with others from the Waupun area for a Christmas-time hour of Scripture and singing on December 14 at 5 PM at the Waupun Community Center. This service will be hosted by the Waupun Area Ministers’ association.

## **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!

**Christmas Carol Sing:** First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 7, at 6:00 PM. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a wide variety of special musical selections performed by area musicians. A free will offering will be received for the Waupun Holiday Help Program.

## **Denominational News**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip - International Caregivers Day** - Caregivers know what it’s like to live out Philippians 2:3–4: “In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” How can you support the caregivers in your church or community? Could you offer a break to someone caring for an aging family

member or a family member with a disability? If you are a caregiver, think of one tangible way to ask for help this week from someone who can support you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive).

**You Can Help End Hunger this Giving Tuesday** - This Giving Tuesday, you can help families in Sudan and South Sudan who are facing a hunger crisis. World Renew is providing emergency food assistance through trusted local partners, but the need is greater than ever. With your support on Giving Tuesday (and thanks to a \$1 million challenge gift), we can provide more food and share hope in Christ amid this crisis. Learn more and give generously on December 2 at [worldrenew.net/givingtuesday](http://worldrenew.net/givingtuesday)

**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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**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:27 PM	Youth Group – Dealing with Your Enemies
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:30 PM	Men’s Bible Study (Lower Level)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study – 9 (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

**Thanksgiving Service**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

**Nursery**

Kaytlin Ruis, Emily Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema

**Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

**PPT**

Lois Mulder

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Livestream**

?????

### **Coffee**

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

### **PPT**

Jake Van Herwaarden

### **Children's Worship**

Emily Mulder, Jenna Schouten

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Nursery**

Hollie Ganz, Jen Ritzema, Kase  
Buwalda

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Kolton Buwalda, Andy Schlieve

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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)

## **On That Day**

**Verse 1:** I believe in Christ risen from the dead

He now reigns victorious His kingdom knows no end

Through His resurrection death has lost its hold

I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

**Chorus:** On that day - We will see You shining brighter than the sun

On that day - We will know You as we lift our voice as one

'Til that day - We will praise You for Your never ending grace

And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

**Verse 2:** What a blessed hope though now tired and worn

We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne

Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain

For we know our crown of glory waits - Beyond the grave

**Bridge:** Hallelujah what a day it will be - For at home with You my joy is

complete - As I run into Your arms open wide I will see

My Father who is waiting for me

**Tag 1:** My Father who is waiting for me

**Tag 2:** And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

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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

Oh 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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## **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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**Sermon Notes**