

11/3/2024

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 YouTube (First CRC Waupun) and view the bulletin on our website: 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.



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

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!" G146

*Songs of Worship: "Beautiful One" "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Remembering the Persecuted Church Video

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

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Voice of Martyrs

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship

Song of Worship: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" G280

*Scripture Reading: Genesis 42

Message: "Joseph—Our Father's Focus on His Family #6: The Father
Begins to Refine His Family"

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: "Refiner's Fire"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Scripture Reading: Rhonda Schouten
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Grace Bruins, Kim Greenfield, Tyler Ten Pass, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Ryer Greenfield, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa, Lennette Aalsma
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Kolten Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

D Venhuizen to Neen/Angel*
H 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 **Voice of the Martyrs the first Sunday in November** 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 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:

- **Brian Bresser**, health.
- **Ann Hoekstra**, in hospice care at home.
- **Ray Hofman**, recent good MRI and doctor visit, treatments start again in early November.
- **Dewey Pausma**, strength, rehab.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, health, strength, continuing treatments and doctoring.

Please note the pages of the church directory on the table in the narthex. We ask that you check your household's information for accuracy and make any changes that are needed. If it is correct, please add a check mark.

Christmas is Coming! The Schuringa Life Group is planning a time of Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 11. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Pastor Greg or Sarah if you want to join in with us and we'll let you know the details as we get closer to the event.

Pastor Greg's Life group is planning to bless our college students. We would like to invite the entire church body to help us do this. If you would like to help us purchase a small devotion, snacks and gift cards, please place your donations in Pastor Greg and Sara's mailbox. Rhonda Schouten will be contacting those of you with college students for their addresses.

Meal Train. If you have a need for meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby (or want to make sure someone else gets some meals), please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. A Meal Train will get set up for you, where church members can prepare meals for you and your household, whether daily for a while, or even a couple times a week—whatever is most helpful for you.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 3: Remembering the Persecuted Church
- November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 PM
- December 1: 9:30 AM - Lord's Supper, First Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM – Christmas Lessons and Carols service w/Waupun Churches at the new Waupun Community Center.
- December 8: 9:30 AM – Children's Christmas in Worship
- December 24: 6:30 PM—Christmas Eve Worship

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.

High School Sub Sandwich Sales kick-off. This year the students will be collecting monies at the time of order and then you can pick up your order at Bethel on November 13 from 5-7 PM or the student will deliver them to you. Please contact a high school youth group student if you'd like to place an order. Orders are due November 3.

Community News

Join us for the 13th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on **Tuesday, November 5**, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Bethel CRC! Come out and enjoy some amazing chili and fellowship as you support Beautiful Response in its work to provide the life-changing gifts of education, food, shelter, and medical care to vulnerable and orphaned kids at Raising Up Hope for Uganda (RUHU). Thank you for making this event such a great success over the past 12 years! The CWC Boys' Soccer program sponsors the chili supper, and all funds raised support the great work being done by RUHU. **THANK YOU** for your faithful and generous support!

Bethel Church of Brandon is hosting a time of **prayer for our nation** on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7 PM.

Central Wisconsin Christian will host its annual "**Salute to Veterans**" on Friday, November 8. All area veterans are invited to join us as we celebrate the service and sacrifice of those in uniform. The program will begin at 2:00 PM, and will feature times of reflection and praise. Please join us!!

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam on Monday, November 4, 4-8 PM. Treat yourself to an evening out!

Central Wisconsin Christian will soon be bringing their rendition of Clue to the stage. Clue on Stage is a murder mystery play based on the 1985 movie and Hasbro board game of the same name. The show is about six guests who are invited to a dinner party at a remote mansion, where their host is murdered and they all become suspects. The butler, Wadsworth, leads the guests, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard, in a race to find the killer. Please join us for one of our performances November 7 & 8 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are available in advance for \$7 through the main office or \$8 at the door starting at 6 PM the night of each performance. We hope to see you there!

The Tribute Quartet will be performing at Bethel Church in Brandon on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6 PM. There will be a freewill offering.



Holiday Respite Event

The Fond du Lac Aging and Disability Resource Center would like to provide caregivers in Fond du Lac County with a free respite day to prepare for the holidays. We'll care for your loved one while you shop, wrap, decorate or relax!

THE DETAILS:

ADRC 50 N Portland Street
Fond du Lac WI 54935

Thursday December 5th 2024

10:00am to 2:00pm

Lunch & activities will be provided

Free gift wrapping! Please bring a gift or two and we will wrap them for you

RSVP

By calling Alyssa Sommerfeldt
at 920.929.3419
by November 28th
to reserve a spot

Calendar

Today:

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism
4:00 PM Youth Group at Bethel CRC

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
1:00 PM Women's Bible Study – 7 (upper room)
6:30 PM Cadets at The Union
6:30 PM GEMS at Bethel CRC (Dress Like Mom Night and bring an item for the Food Pantry)
6:30 PM Elders Meeting (upper room)

Sunday:

8:30 AM 11th/12th Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children's Worship

Jenna Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa,
Jonah Mulder

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Aubryn DeJager,
Olivia Vander Werff

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, Brian O'Donovan

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	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)

Beautiful One

Verse 1: Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love

Your cross has spoken mercy over me - No eye has seen no ear has heard

No heart could fully know - How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus: Beautiful One I love You - Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Verse 2: Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

Bridge 1: You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew - You captured my heart with this love - 'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Refiner's Fire

Verse 1: Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - And precious silver
Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - Pure gold

Chorus: Refiner's fire - My heart's one desire - Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord - I choose to be holy
Set apart for You Master - Ready to do Your will

Verse 2: Purify my heart - Cleanse me from within - And make me holy
Purify my heart - Cleanse me from my sin - Deep within

Benediction

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father - And the grace of Christ
the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain - Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion - Make us one in spirit and in heart

Sermon Notes