

11/5/2023

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.

READINESS

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Song of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" G253:1, 2, 4

REFOCUS AND RENEW

*Songs of Worship: "Living Hope" "He Will Hold Me Fast"
"King of Kings"

REFLECTION AND REFRESHMENT

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund

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

Song of Worship: "Out of the Depths I Cry" G256

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

Message: "Hopeful Waiting?"

Prayer

RESPONSE AND RELEASE

*Song of Response: "I Will Wait for You"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Benediction

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Gregg Zonnefeld
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Hanna Marra (percussion); Kevin Buwalda, Heidi Smits, Pete Vander Werff, Gregg Zonnefeld, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Cassidy Ritzema, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Sophia Schuringa, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Emily Mulder, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

L Wierenga to Neen*
G Zonnefeld 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:

- **Lori Venhuizen**, home now, surgery recovery.
- **Shirley Otto**, expected to be home by this weekend to continue knee surgery recovery and therapy there.
- **Eden Homan**, given the okay for usual activities, including school!
- **Sandy Greenfield**, funeral service this past Tuesday. Our sympathy to Glen and the family.
- **Laura Ten Pass**, prayers after radiation treatments.

In honor of Pastor Schuringa and his family, we will have a potluck meal TODAY at Central Wisconsin Christian, beginning at 5 PM. Buns and pork will be provided, along with dessert and table service. Please bring a side dish, hot or cold, to pass, along with your drinks. Join us as we together express our thanks to Pastor Greg.

Sandy Greenfield has passed from her pain & suffering here on earth to her place in heaven (as pastor related to us at the funeral service) Thank you pastor for a simple inspiring funeral service. The Glen Greenfield family also gives a great big thanks to the congregation for all your prayers, cards, donations, flowers, well wishes, food (great job ladies), etc. Thanx again & God Bless.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- November 22—Thanksgiving Worship at 6 PM
- December 3, 10, 17—Advent Sermon Series, "Christmas in the Old Testament"
- 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

Education Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30.

Pastor Greg is preaching and leading Lord's Supper at a sister church of ours this morning, Living Hope in Fox Lake. He is serving as the congregation's classical counselor to provide assistance on behalf of our classis (regional group of Christian Reformed Churches) while Living Hope is in search of a pastor.

Mark your calendars for a date night out or relaxing family night in! On Wednesday, November 8, the Beaver Dam Benvenuto's will be helping our high school students raise funds for the Bethel/First Youth Group with all dine-in and carry-out orders that mention our Bethel/First Youth Group. So, plan a fun lunch with friends, date night out, or a cozy family night in, and let the Beaver Dam Benvenuto's take care of the menu! Just make sure you mention our Bethel/First Youth Group when you order so they give our group credit.

Do you know what the middle school youth group's name, S.W.a.T., means? It stands for Serve, Witness and Train! Each month we look to incorporate at least one of those areas into our meeting. This week in addition to our regular meeting, our middle school youth group students will be hosting our freewill donation SWaT Dinner and a Movie at Bethel on Friday, November 10. This will be a fun way for our middle school students to serve our families, friends, and community, plus raise funds for their Christmas service project. So, bundle up and join us for a relaxing night with family n friends. We'll be serving breakfast for supper from 5:30-6:45 (or until we run out). Then after supper, if you'd like to stick around, join us to watch a movie which will start at 7:00 PM.

A Night in Bethlehem. Plan to attend 2 events to start your Christmas season!! Our event runs from 4:30-6:00 and then take in First Reformed Church's Christmas Carol Sing @ 6:00. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius for ways you can become involved and support our efforts to create the sights and sounds of Bethlehem. A suggestion of canned goods will be your payment to get into Bethlehem.

There is a letter with updates on the ministry of **New Life Church in Ukraine** on the table in the narthex.

Community News

Join us for the 12th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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 11 years! This chili supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer program, and all funds raised go to support the great work being done by RUHU. THANK YOU for your support!

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.

There is a critical need for blood from all blood types. Please consider donating blood today! Central Wisconsin Christian is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 16, from 10 AM to 4 PM. All donors will receive a free pair of socks from the movie "Elf." Blood donations also contribute to scholarships that the Red Cross gives to students at CWC.

All are invited to participate in this year's beautiful Welsh Christmas Hymn Sing at the First Congregational Church in Red Granite, at 877 Bennell Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, November 12, at 2:30pm. The Hymn Sing will be sung in rich 4-part harmony. It will be directed by Ann Lemmenes with Rev. Tom White at the organ and Lori Page will be the vocal soloist. Refreshments will immediately follow the Hymn Sing. This event is sponsored by the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. The Church is handicapped accessible.

Central Wisconsin Christian will host its annual "**Salute to Veterans**" on Thursday, November 9. 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 PM and will feature times of reflection and praise. Please join us!!

The **ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** is on Saturday, November 11, at 7:30 AM. Typically, we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month; however, in November, we are meeting a week earlier. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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

Kids Corner: Serving Others Every Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In John 6:1-14, a boy, whose name we don't even know, offers his little lunch that Jesus then multiplies into a big feast for many! This week's devotion is all about discovering all the ways that God takes great delight in blessing people who are willing to serve him in little ways! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace."

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - A grateful heart overflows in generosity. How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor? If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject.

Calendar

Today:	8:30 AM	11 th and 12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	5:00 PM	Pastor Appreciation Potluck at CWC
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting
	Wednesday:	9:00 AM
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 8 (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Youth Group at The Union
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
Friday	6:00 PM	Young Couples (lower level)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th and 12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism

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)

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Adrianna Schuringa,
Heidi Schaver

Nursery

Beth Schlieve, Jenna Mulder, Kolten
Buwalda

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Katie DeJager

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Tom Jonker

Living Hope

Verse 1: How great the chasm that lay between us - How high the mountain I
could not climb - In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night - Then through the darkness Your loving-
kindness - Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written - Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2: Who could imagine so great a mercy - What heart could fathom
such boundless grace - The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame - The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own - Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3: Then came the morning that sealed the promise - Your buried body
began to breathe - Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending: Jesus Christ my living hope - Oh God You are my living hope

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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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King Of Kings

Verse 1: In the darkness we were waiting - Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running - There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets - To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory - To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father - Praise the Son - Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory – Majesty - Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2: To reveal the kingdom coming - And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation - You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering - You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation - Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3: And the morning that You rose - All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good - For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs - And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come - To the Father are restored

Verse 4: And the Church of Christ was born - Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old - Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name - In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ - Who has resurrected me

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I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Verse 1: Out of the depths I cry to You - In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew - And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Verse 2: Were You to count my sinful ways - How could I come before Your
throne - Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze - I stand redeemed by grace
alone

Chorus 1: I will wait for You I will wait for You - On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You - Till my soul is satisfied

Verse 3: So put Your hope in God alone - Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won - By Christ emerging from the grave

Verse 4: His steadfast love has made a way - And God Himself has paid the
price - That all who trust in Him today - Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2: I will wait for You I will wait for You - Through the storm and
through the night - I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

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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

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Hopeful Waiting?

Psalm 130

1. Lamenting Depths (vs. 1-2)
2. Emerging Hope (vs. 3-4)
3. Patient Wait (vs. 5-6)
4. Confident Redemption (vs. 7-8)