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# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

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**PO Box 32, Waupun**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Come, O Redeemer, Come"

"For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund

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

Song of Worship: "Isn't He?" R254

\*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6

Message: "Isn't This Child Wonderful? #1: Wonderful Counselor"

Prayer

Preparation for Communion

Celebration of Communion

Song of Worship: "How Great Our Joy!" R269

*(Sung during the passing of the cups)*

\*Song of Response: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" R258

*(During this song, an offering for those in need will be received—funds will go to our Benevolent Fund. As the Lord has met us in our great need, we seek to meet the needs of others in our congregation and beyond.)*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" R788:3

\*Postlude

**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Participants: Tom Jonker, Noah Mulder (Men's Bible Study)
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Special Music: Aubryn DeJager, Nikki Durni (violinists)

- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Kim Greenfield, Megan Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Ryer Greenfield, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Al and Leanne Holden
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Hailey Bresser, Ellie Mulder

- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Emily Aalsma, Jonah Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Tom Jonker

### **Missionary Letters**

L Wierenga to Neen/Angel\*  
 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 of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (Operation Christmas Child for December), 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:**

- **Gary Bossenbroeck**, hospitalization.
- **Brian Bresser**, health.
- **Curt Groen**, hospitalization.
- **Our deepest sympathy to Bill Hoekstra and family in the passing of Ann a week ago**, a funeral service was held this past Saturday.
- **Ray Hofman**, chemo five days per month.
- **Faith Miedema**, therapy after surgery at home.
- **Dewey Pausma**, health and strength.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, heart procedure on Monday.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, MRI and doctor visit this week.

**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.

### **Church News**

#### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- December 1: 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 15: 9:30 AM – Baptism in worship
- December 24: 6:30 PM—Christmas Eve Worship

**There is no Sunday School, Catechism, or Christmas Program practice after the worship service today. There will be Christmas Program practice on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-11:30 AM.**

**The Sunday School Christmas program will be during the Worship Service on Dec. 8.** Please have your children at church in the upper room by 9 AM.

**If you are interested in making profession of faith**, please contact Scott Ritzema soon. He is hoping to start a class in the new year and wants to order books.

**Calling all men!** Something to think about...we would like to organize a Men's Choir for the Easter season. The time involved will be two practices after church and singing on Good Friday.

**Missing your favorite water bottle or travel coffee mug**, or maybe a dish from your kitchen? The counter in the kitchen here at church is starting to fill up. Please check to see if anything there is yours.

**The choir will be singing during the Christmas Eve Service**, singing Silent Night/Peace. Please let Toni Hofman (920-960-2748) know if you can't sing. Thanks!

**No high school youth group this week** as we celebrate Thanksgiving with family & friends.

**Thank you to all who attended and supported the SWaT Dinner & a Movie** night last Friday so that we could raise money to purchase gifts for kids in our community through Waupun Holiday Help. With your help, we were able to support three families and get Christmas gifts for ten kids!

**High School Youth Group Families, Wisconsin Winter Retreat registration and deposit is due today.** Please check your email or our Facebook page for important information and links. We would also really appreciate it if you would fill out the [Google Feedback Form](#) that was emailed to you so that we can make an informed decision on how to best shepherd our students in their discipleship journey.

**High School Youth Group Christmas Party & Caroling** is Sunday, Dec. 8, from 4-6 PM @ Bethel. Please bring a \$5 white elephant gift and if you enjoy baking, a Christmas snack to share.

**SWaT Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party & Caroling** is Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 6-8 PM @ Bethel. Please bring a \$5 white elephant gift and if you enjoy baking, a Christmas snack to share.

## **Community News**

**Giving Tuesday:** 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, Dec. 3. Whether you stop by our campus to make your gift in person or give online at [WeAreCWC.org](http://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 are invited to join us for *A Morning in Bethlehem* on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9-11 AM, at Trinity Church (524 Carrington St, Waupun)! We are heading back in time to Bethlehem the morning after Jesus was born where we will visit shops in the market, help the shepherds herd their sheep, and visit the stable where Jesus was born. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30-9 AM (Optional). This experience is for kids ages 3 years old-6th grade. Questions? 920-324-2400.**

**CWC High School Christmas Concert:** Start your Christmas celebrations with us! The High School band and choirs, along with the New Generation Singers, will begin our Christmas celebration on Monday, Dec. 9. The concert is held in the Crusader Centre and begins at 6:30 PM.

**The next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** will be on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 - 8:30 AM at the Main Street Bistro. We will enjoy a warm breakfast, some praise and worship and then be blessed with a message from Gregg Zonnefeld.

**CWC Elementary Christmas Program:** Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing "Journey to Bethlehem" by Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman. A Christmas musical that will take you through the sights and sounds of the journey to Bethlehem. Also featuring the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah. Join our 4K-5th grades on Friday, Dec. 13, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre. Please come to whichever time works best for you. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our music with you!

**CWC Middle School Christmas Concert:** Start your Christmas celebrations with us! The Middle School band and choirs will finish our

Christmas celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The concert is held in the Crusader Centre and begins at 6:30 PM.

**Christmas Carol Sing Invitation:** First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6:00 PM. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying performances by a variety of soloists, choirs and ensembles from the Waupun area. A free will donation will be received to support the Waupun Holiday Help program.

**Emanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon** (107 S Prairie St) is having a Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 to 1 in their basement.

**Immanuel United Methodist Church in Ripon** (401 W Fond du Lac St) is hosting a Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 – noon.

**Bethel Church in Brandon** (305 W Main St) will be presenting their Children's Christmas Program "The Wish" and a choir cantata "This is Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 PM.

**"When Christmas Comes," a Christmas concert cantata:** A World Premiere Concert Event! There will be two presentations on Sunday, Dec. 15: 2 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Ripon (430 W Griswold St) and 7 PM at Immanuel UMC in Ripon (401 W Fond du Lac St).

**SAVE THE DATE** - The ONE Waupun Annual Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Be sure to mark your calendars! To learn more or to register early, you can go to <http://conference.onewaupun.com>.

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – 10 (upper room)
	6:30 PM	Elder's Meeting (upper room)
	6:30 PM	Cadets at The Union
	6:30 PM	GEMS at Bethel CRC (Caroling)
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:00 AM	Christmas Program Practice for 4K-5 <sup>th</sup> grades
	9:00 AM	Youth Group Service/Mission Trip fundraiser (wrap gifts and babysit) at Bethel CRC
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

### **Children's Worship**

Kim Greenfield, Jenna Schouten,  
Jules Mulder

### **Nursery**

Andrea , Casey Homan, Troy  
Buwalda

### **Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

### **PPT**

Lois Mulder

### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Ben Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

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

## **Come Oh Redeemer Come**

**Chorus:** Come, oh, Redeemer come - Grant us mercy

Come, oh, Redeemer come - Grant us peace

**Verse 1:** Father enthroned on high – Holy, holy

Ancient eternal light - Hear our prayer

**Verse 2:** Lord save us from the dark - Of our striving faithless

And troubled hearts - Weighed down

**Verse 3:** Look now upon our need - Lord be with us

Heal us and make us free - From our sin

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## **For Unto Us A Child Is Born / Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

**Verse:** For unto us a child is born - A Son is given, a Son is given

For unto us a child is born - A Son is given, a Son is given

The Messiah, oh to see Him

**Chorus:** To see Him high and lifted up - Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy

**Bridge:** You are high and lifted up - Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy – Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy

**Ending:** For unto us a child is born – Holy, holy, holy

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## Sermon Notes