

12/10/2023

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Song of Christ's Coming: "Sing We Now of Christmas" R275

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart" "Isn't He" R254

Confession and Assurance

God's Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

Second Offering for the Parking Lot Project

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

Songs of Worship: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" R272

"What Child is This?" R281:1, 3

*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:9-17

Message: "Noel in the Old Testament #2: The Arm of God"

Prayer

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

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Angels We Have Heard on High Doxology"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Ben and Alyssa Homan, Leaders of Life Group #6
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Rachel Hofman, Tyler Ten Pass, Renae Venhuizen (vocals)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Ryer Greenfield, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Cassidy Ritzema, Morgan Buwalda
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Aubryn DeJager, Jonah Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder

- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

J Bresser to Neen
 J Bronkhorst to Chaplain Pete*

*Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Missionary Letters

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 (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 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.

	November	Fiscal YTD (7/1 – 11/30)	YTD Budget (7/1 – 11/30)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$23,819	\$152,619.61	\$139,941.67	109.6%
Building Fund *	\$6,515	\$20,065.79	\$16,175.00	124.05%
Classical	\$435	\$3,755.00	\$9,312.25	40.32%
Denominational	\$435	\$5,605.00	\$9,583.33	58.49%
Faith Promise	\$4,123	\$11,671.05	\$6,000.00	194.52%
Most Needed	\$1,703	\$25,997.92	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$290	\$3,728.06	N/A	N/A
Waupun Food Pantry (monthly cause)	\$2,508	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL **	\$49,458	\$253,963.87	N/A	N/A

*Parking Lot Resurfacing Project funds are being held in the Building Fund.

**Total is all offerings received, including designations to specific funds not listed above.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Jim Groenewold**, Parkinson’s challenges.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, continued doctoring.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Shirley Otto**, recovery from knee surgery.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- December 10 (TODAY), 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, 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas service; 5 PM, Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
- December 31—Old Year Worship with Matt Hofman
- January 7—New Year Worship

Public Profession of Faith. If you have an interest in making public profession of your faith, please reach out to Scott Ritzema in the near future to talk about next steps and what that might look like. Thank you!

Our gifts from A Night in Bethlehem to the Waupun Food Pantry totaled \$201 and 250 pounds of food. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Update on the Church Parking Lot resurfacing Project: \$16,180 (20%) raised of estimated \$80,000.

Women's Afternoon Bible Study will meeting at noon on Wednesday for a salad luncheon, followed by a lesson. This will be the last meeting until spring.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, our church will be ringing the **Salvation Army** bells at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun from 10 AM to 6 PM. If you are willing and able to take a two-hour shift, please talk to Arky Navis.

A Life Group will be serving hot apple cider and goodies in the narthex after the **Christmas Eve Service**.

Community News

Hosanna in Excelsis: A Candlelight Carol Service - Let's join the Heavenly Hosts in praising our Savior! Sunday, December 10, 6:30 PM at Second CRC, Randolph. Music by the 2CRC Rejoice Choir and Children's Choir, Milena Gonzalez, Lakeisha Heeringa, Deb Huizenga, Jill Huizenga, Randy and Mary Paul, Sue Reichhoff, and Teresa Wiersma. Treats after. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Thank You: First Reformed of Waupun would like to thank each person who took part in the annual Christmas Carol Sing, whether that was through attending the event, performing or helping behind the scenes it was much appreciated. There are DVDs and CDs available of the program for anyone

who would like one, which can be picked up at First Reformed (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun). They are located in the "Bulletin Box" outside the main entrance or inside the church as well. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact First Reformed and we would be happy to do that.

CWC Middle School & High School Christmas Concert. Start your Christmas celebrations with us! The Middle School and High School bands and choirs, along with the New Generation Singers will begin our Christmas celebration on Monday, Dec. 11. The concert is held in the Crusader Gym and begins at 6:30 PM.

The ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast is on Saturday, December 16, at 7:30 AM. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

CWC Elementary Christmas Program. Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing "The Animal Alleluia" by Joanna Mills. A Christmas musical that retells the Christmas story through the eyes of the animals and reminds us that even the humblest among us have important gifts to share. Also featuring the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah. Join our 4K - 5th graders on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 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!

FREE Christmas Concert - Sat., Dec. 16, @ 6:30PM. Living Hope Community Church of Fox Lake invites you to an inspirational Christmas concert. The concert will feature Christmas music from across the ages performed in JEAN WATSON's unique "celtic" style. It is sure to be an evening not to be forgotten! Jean is classically trained in voice and violin, and plays the keyboard. So beloved is she in Ireland, one of her videos featured the cast of "Game of Thrones". She has worked with some of the biggest names in Christian music (Billy Smiley, Phil Keaggy, Michael W Smith, Peter Furler and others).

Merry Christmas! If you have no plans for Christmas day, we invite you to join us for a home-cooked meal, served at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Monday, Dec. 25, at 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM. To allow for ongoing COVID concerns, we will serve buffet style and seating will be spaced. Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations and state which time slot you plan to attend. There is no charge for the dinner.

Kids Corner: Promises and Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she

wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6, 11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Deep Christmas Joy - God gave us his Best Gift at Christmas, and Jesus tells us to give as we have so abundantly received. Your donation to the World Renew Gift Catalog will bring real joy to someone who is struggling to survive each day. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	12:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study/Luncheon (Lower level)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Upper room)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group (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

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Becca Vree, Sophia Schuringa, Troy Hoffman

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Kaytlin Ruis, Morgan Buwalda

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Ryer Greenfield

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)

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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Music

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Isn't He

Verse 1: Isn't He beautiful - Beautiful isn't He

Prince of Peace Son of God - Isn't He

Verse 2: Isn't He wonderful - Wonderful isn't He

Counselor Almighty God - Isn't He, isn't He, isn't He

Verse 3: Yes You are beautiful - Beautiful yes You are

Prince of Peace Son of God - Yes You are

Verse 4: Yes, You are wonderful - Wonderful yes You are

Counselor Almighty God - Yes You are, Yes You are, Yes You are

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“Angels We Have Heard on High Doxology”

Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Sermon Notes