

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 – 12th 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) or our denomination's website (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) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*God's Greeting

*Song of Advent: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" G328:1, 4, 6, 7

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Worship: "Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"

"We Will Exalt You" "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

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

Song of Worship: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" R279

*Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35

Message: "The Virgin Birth"

Prayer

*Song of Faith: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" R250

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Advent Doxology"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanists: Marlyce Mulder
- Prelude: Aubryn DeJager, Nikki and Noralyn Durni
- Advent Reading: Geoff, Emily, and Rynn Aalsma
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Hollie Ganz, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Cody Van Herwaarden, Rachel Hoffman
- Children's Worship: Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Emily Aalsma, Jenna Schouten
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

Missionary Letters

R West to Neen/Angel*

L Wierenga 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. 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:

- **Ruth Buwalda**, eye surgery at UW in Madison on Tuesday.
- **Dan Montsma**, knee surgery recovery.
- **Gladys Montsma**, sister Judy passed away Thursday morning after a number of health challenges the last couple of weeks.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, recovering from surgery, additional severe pain on the right side of her lower body now.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- December 14, 5 PM at the Waupun Community Center – Service of Lessons and Carols
- December 21, 9:30 AM, Children's Christmas Program in Worship
- December 24, 6:30 PM, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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!

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

There are LOTS of pans and Tupperware-type items on the counter in the kitchen. Please stop down and pick them up. The kitchen is going to be used the next two Saturdays so it would be great to clear off the counter.

Community News

Celebrate the Christmas season with us at Central Wisconsin Christian as our students share the joy of Christ's birth through music. We invite you to join us for the **High School Christmas Concert** on Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 PM. Come enjoy beautiful music, celebrate the season, and support our students as they proclaim the good news of Christmas!

Join us for our next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 20, from 7:30–8:30 AM**. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and another powerful speaker. Everyone is welcome—come connect, share, and start your day with great food and conversation!

2026 Easter Cantata - Randolph Community Choir will begin practicing for "Echoes of Easter-The Hope of the Cross", on Sunday, January 4, 4:00-5:30 PM, at First Reformed Church in Randolph.

Denominational News

Act Now! Help The Banner Meet Its Year-End Goal - Please help The Banner magazine reach its annual goal of raising \$500,000 by giving before December 31. Your gift will enable The Banner to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Reformed content for another year. Donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:27 PM	Youth Group – Christmas Party
Wednesday:	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 12
	6:30 PM	Cadets – Christmas Party
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

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

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Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship

Grace Bruins, Adrianna Schuringa

Nursery

Lynnae Franken, Jenna Mulder,
Heidi Schaver

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Noah Mulder

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
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)

Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)

Verse 1: Angels from the realms of glory

Wing your flight o'er all the earth - Ye who sang creation's story

Now proclaim Messiah's birth - Come and worship

Come and worship - Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2: Shepherds in the field abiding - Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with man is now residing - Yonder shines the infant light

Come and worship - Come and worship - Worship Christ the newborn King

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel - You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises - Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Come have Your way among us - We welcome You here Lord Jesus

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Pre-Chorus: Come and worship - Worship Christ the newborn King

God is with us even now His love is here (REPEAT) - His love is here

Ending: Emmanuel, Emmanuel – Emmanuel, Emmanuel

We Will Exalt You

Chorus: We will exalt You, O Lord - We will exalt You, O Lord
We will exalt You, O Lord - Emmanuel

Verse: You are the child born to us - You are God's Son given to us
Counselor Prince of Peace, Mighty God - You are the child born to us
You are God's Son given to us - Merciful Savior of love - Emmanuel

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He Shall Reign Forevermore

Verse 1: In the bleak mid-winter - All creation groans
For a world in darkness - Frozen like a stone
Light is breaking - In a stable for a throne

Chorus: (And) He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born - The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Verse 2: If I were a wise man - I would travel far
If I were a shepherd - I would do my part
But poor as I am - I will give to Him my heart

Bridge: Here within a manger lies the One - Who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice - Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears - The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years - Christ the Messiah

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Advent 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 (2X)

(words of verse by Ambrose of Milan (d. 397 AD); tune: Angels We Have Heard on High)

Sermon Notes