

12/15/2024

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

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Song of Advent: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" G328: 1, 2, 4, 6

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Silent Night! Holy Night!" R253:1, 2, 4

"He Shall Reign Forevermore" "Joyful (The One Who Saves)"

New Member Welcome, Reaffirmation of Faith and Baptism:

Tyler Schulz and Lainey Schulz

Song of Worship: "Baptized in Water" G269

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

Song of Worship: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" G353

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

*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6

Message: "Isn't This Child Wonderful? #3: How is This Child Your
Everlasting Father?"

Prayer

*Song of Worship: "As with Gladness Men of Old" G358:1-4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Advent Doxology"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

• Worship Leader and Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

• Advent Participants: Pat Jonker and
Michelle Mulder (Women's Evening
Bible Study)

• Accompanist: Lois Mulder

• Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Hanna
Marra (percussion); Grace Bruins,
Kevin Buwalda, Elsa Homan, Kristi
Zonnefeld (vocalists)

• Media Team: Joe Bresser, Katie
DeJager, Brad Mulder

• Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander
Berg

• Children's Worship: Kim
Greenfield, Heidi Schaver, Troy
Hoffman

• Nursery: Hollie Ganz, Jenna
Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa

• Transportation: Bob Mulder

• Ushers: Brian and Cody Van
Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

T Aalsma to Neen/Angel*
A Bossenbroek 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.



	November	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 11/30)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 11/30)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$49,960.81	\$143,642.81	\$147,931.58	97.10%
Building Fund	\$1,629.67	\$4,469.67	\$13,737.50	32.54%
Classical	\$1,160.00	\$5,090.00	\$10,388.75	49.00%
Denominational	\$960.00	\$5,340.00	\$10,416.66	51.26%
Faith Promise	\$3,065.00	\$7,825.00	\$6,000.00	130.42%
Most Needed	\$2,623.00	\$27,107.00	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$6,265.00	\$8,708.00	N/A	N/A
Food Pantry (Monthly Cause)	\$3,384.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$83,119.48	\$241,832.45	N/A	N/A

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

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Gary Bossenbroeck**, now in the VA Hospital in Madison.
- **Brian Bresser**, health.
- **Ray Hofman**, chemo five days per month, and continued good health.
- **Faith Miedema**, therapy at home after surgery.
- **Dewey Pausma**, health and strength.

- **Ken Ten Pas**, in the hospital and now at the Christian Home for therapy due to weakness.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, continued good health.

Thank You for all your thoughts, prayers, card, visits, and food during Ann's illness and death. It was all very comforting. Thanks to Pastor Greg and Elder Bob.
- Family of Ann Hoekstra

Our sympathy to Allegra, Gary, and Glenda Bossenbroek on the passing of their brother Phil this past Wednesday. Services will be held later.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- December 24, 6:30 PM: Christmas Eve Worship
- December 29, 9:30 AM: Old Year's Sunday, Al Venhuizen preaching.
- January 5, 9:30 AM: New Year's Sunday, Chaplain Peter Hofman preaching.

There will be no Sunday School or Catechism for 4K through 12th grade until January 5.

The Women's afternoon Bible Study will meet in the lower level on Wednesday at 12:30 for a luncheon and their last lesson of the fall season. Please bring a salad or dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

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.

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!

Save the Date: January 12 is the date where all the life groups will get together and have trivia night! We will begin at 4:30 with our snacks/appetizers! There will be prizes! The life group leaders will be reaching out to you with what to bring! We hope to see you there!

Community News

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.

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" today at 3 PM.

"When Christmas Comes," a Christmas concert cantata: A World Premiere Concert Event! There will be two presentations today, 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).

The Unexpected GIFT: A Candlelight Carol Service - It's time to dim the lights and raise our voices. Let's celebrate the greatest of gifts! Sunday, December 22, 6:30 PM at Second CRC, Randolph. Singing, narration, special music, candles and treats. A rousing celebration of the incarnation. Bring your friends and neighbors!

CHRISTMAS DINNER! We invite anyone who has no plans for Christmas to join us for a home-cooked meal at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Wednesday, Dec. 25. The dinner will be served buffet style, from 12:00–1:30 PM. **Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations.** There is no charge for the dinner.

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>.

Denominational News

The Gift of Christmas - Next week, we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly home to offer us the hope of eternal life with him. Your gift for World Renew this season gives hope to people who live with poverty, disaster, and injustice worldwide. Put families in need on your Christmas list this year by giving generously in the World Renew offering. Traveling over the holidays? You can give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday:	12:30 PM	Women's Bible Study Luncheon (lower level) Lesson 12 (upper room)
	6:30 PM	Cadet Christmas Party
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema, Joy Mulder

Nursery

Aubryn DeJager, Beth Schlieve, Heidi Schaver

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Andy Schlieve

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)

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

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful we adore You - God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You - Opening to the sun above

Verse 2: Melt the clouds of sin and sadness - Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of eternal gladness fill us - With the light of day

Chorus: You are the One who saves - You are the One who saves
You are the One whose hands lift us from the grave
You are the Light of life the everlasting day
You are the One who takes all our sins away

Verse 3: You are giving and forgiving - Ever blessing ever blessed
Fountain of the joy of living - Ocean depths of happy rest

Bridge: Jesus, You are my rescue - Jesus You are my rescue
I give You ev'rything I am - (REPEAT)

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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