

12/22/2019

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. You will find a visitor card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag. If you would like further information about our church, check out our website at www.waupuncrc.com or contact the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or in the rack at the back of the sanctuary.

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. 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.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays from 9:00–12 Noon

All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather in Worship

Prelude by Harm Venhuizen

*Call to Worship

Leader: "Behold, a virgin shall be with
child, and bear a Son, and they shall call
His name Immanuel," which is translated

Congregation: "God with us"

Song: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Profession of Faith—Harm Venhuizen

Offertory and Our Offerings with special
music by Aubryn De Jager

God Speaks through His Word

*Scripture: Rev. 5

Sermon: "Who Is Worthy?"

Prayer/Congregational Prayer

Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Sunday School Program

"A Christmas to Believe In"

Closing Remarks

We Leave to Serve God

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*Postlude

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Children & Worship

No Children & Worship today

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Keith Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Mitch & Becca Vree Family

Nursery

Phylcia Bronkhorst

Becca Vree

Charlotte Buteyn

Sound System

Tyler Ten pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

Ushers

Arent Venhuizen

Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Missionary Letters

B Bille to Daryl Pfantz

A Bossenbroek to Neen+

G Bossenbroek to Chaplain

Pete

**Please pray especially for this
missionary family this week*

Worship Notes

This morning Pastor Harv will lead us in worship as we look at Rev. 5 and witness the public profession of faith of Harm Venhuizen. This evening you are encouraged to attend Bethel CRC's Candlelight Service at 7:00.

Deacons Report

All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget.

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget: \$3,825

Elim: \$179

December Cause is Elim Christian School: Through its four major program areas on its main campus in Palos Heights, IL, and in 15 Discovery locations, over 300 servants work each day to bring 800 persons with disabilities beyond their potential to become the living testimonies God created them to be.

Upcoming evening and special services

Dec. 22 – 7 PM Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC

Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM Christmas Service

Dec. 29 – 6 PM Worship with Bill Zuhlke

Dec. 31 – 7 PM New Year's Eve service at Bethel CRC

Jan. 5 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Jan. 12 – PM Worship – Video

Jan. 19 – PM Worship with Pastor Harv

Jan. 26 – PM Worship - Video

Our Family

Please remember to contact your Elder for any concerns that arise. The Elders and Deacons by Care Group are listed in the bulletin.

December Birthdays

Elizabeth Jonker 24

Carol Greenfield 26

Lucas Morgan 27

Harm Venhuizen 28

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Janet Ver Hage as she continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Carlie Jansen, as she recovers from surgery.
- Laura Ten Pass as she continues with cancer treatments.

- Leanne Johnson, continue to pray for healing.
- Paul Vande Kolk as he is receiving treatment for lung cancer.
- Carol Navis, that she continues to do well.
- Karen Aalsma, as she is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Kathy Kamphuis, as she recovers from surgery.
- Erin Stroede's sister Cassie as she has been diagnosed with cancer.

It can be easy to forget about those that we don't see every week, so we are including a list of shut-ins within our congregation. We hope that you will take some time to visit, send cards, and pray for these members of our family. As Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

- Joyce Haan
- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Church News

Thank you to the Outreach Team for the excellent night on Sunday. Well done. A lot went into the evening and thanks to all who participated.

Thanks to all who were involved in any way to make the "One Night in Bethlehem" event a success. It was great to see so many get involved and pull together to share the important story of Christmas.

The **Search Team** would like to invite members to attend a round-table session to discuss important characteristics and strengths of our next pastor. We will compile feedback to use in our search. Please see the handout in your mailbox for additional details. The Round-Table Sessions will be held in the church basement on:

- Sunday, January 5, at 10:45 a.m.
- Monday, January 6, from 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Please contact a Search Team member with any additional questions.

PRAYER: We have prayer groups praying through the transition process at First CRC and we want to invite the entire church specifically into prayer with us. We ask that you pray that we will all be led by the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's will. We also invite all to attend the Tuesday AM prayer time at 8:00 at the church or the Sunday morning prayer time in the church basement at 8:45. Thank you for your prayers.

There will be no Sunday School today or next week Sunday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a special way. You are invited to join us for a delicious homemade dinner at 12 noon on December 25 at the Wesley Center on Forest Street. Please make reservations by calling 920-928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area. There is no charge for the dinner.

Waupun Community Blood Drive at Edgewood Church on Thursday, Dec. 26, from 1-6 PM. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Sponsored by Waupun Kiwanis. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information. Present to donate and you could win two tickets for the 12/31 Badger basketball game.

MARY'S MIRACLE - Have you ever wondered what Mary thought about the very first Christmas? Was she scared, excited, or happy? Listen to this dramatic presentation seen through the eyes of Mary. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download Kids Corner's Christmas puzzle and game giveaway The Bible Challenge Activity Book 4.

Church Leadership, A Home-Rebuilding Opportunity - Do you wonder how your church offerings to World Renew Disaster Response Services make a difference? Have you wanted to experience what it is like to repair disaster-damaged homes? Consider volunteering Monday – Friday, March 23-27, 2020, in North Carolina and find out for yourself! This is a week specifically for pastors and/or church staff leaders to work together and get directly involved in this ministry. Contact Chris Gibson at cjgibson@worldrenew.net or 800-848-5818 to learn more.

Give Thanks for Abundant Life. - Share God's abundance through the World Renew 2019-2020 Gift Catalog, and give others an opportunity to experience Uzima. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to order.

Calendar

Today:	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service & SS Program
	7:00 PM	Candlelight Service at Bethel CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	9:30 AM	Christmas Service

Sunday: 8:45 AM Prayer Meeting in church basement
 9:30 AM AM Worship Service
 6:00 PM PM Worship Service

Christmas Morning

Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass

Sound System: Scott Ritzema

Video Projection: Randall Greenfield

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Children & Worship

Leader: Jessica Ten Pass

Jolie Schouten

Jaxon Buteyn

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Gary De Jager

Brian Van Herwaarden

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

Louie & Nancy Wierenga

Nursery

Jen Ritzema

Carlie Jansen

Tirzah Ritzema

Offering: Local Budget

December Cause: Elim Christian School

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Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

Video Projection

LeAnne Holden

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Merle Schouten (2020)	Joe Bresser (2020)
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Tom Jonker (2020)	Randall Greenfield (2020)
7	Steve Homan (2020)	
8	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT



Fabulous Ancient Science

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (1 Corinthians 15:49)

For centuries the Chinese were the world's greatest scientists and engineers. Many people know that the Chinese invented the compass and gunpowder, but these are only the beginning. Over 1,000 years ago, Chinese astronomer Su Song built the first planetarium. He even tilted it at a precise 23.5° to match the Earth's tilt. More than 2,000 years ago another Chinese astronomer noted the moons of Jupiter—long before Galileo "discovered" them.

Almost 1,000 years ago, the Chinese used gunpowder to make over 30 types of fire arrows, including one that was a two-stage rocket. They were great shipbuilders as well. One of the most famous examples is a nine-masted, 300-foot ship with watertight bulkheads. The Chinese-invented odometer featured reduction gears and carved figures that beat a drum every time a distance of about one-fifth of a mile was traveled.

The world's first known seismometer—a device that registers earthquakes—was built in 132 AD. A 16th-century palace roof was designed with a series of interlocking joints that were layered to provide flexibility in case of an earthquake.

As our knowledge of humanity reaches into history and grows, the picture we see is not that of a primitive becoming more like a modern human. Rather, we see humans—ever curious and inventive—that are very different from the animal world. Truly we have come from the hand of God Himself.

*Image: The original diagram of Su Song's book showing the inner workings of his clocktower. Public domain. **Creation Scientist Cleans Up the World!***

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Worship Notes