

12/22/2024

# 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](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**

**Phone: 920-324-2898    email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" R244

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"  
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

\*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

Song of Worship: "Thou Dids't Leave Thy Throne" R292

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

\*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7a

Message: "Isn't This Child Wonderful? #4: Prince of Peace"

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: "Once in Royal David's City" R286

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Advent Doxology"

\*Postlude

**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Participants: Heidi Schaver and Lincoln Vree (Middle School Catechism)
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Rachel Hoffman, Michelle Mulder, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Cody Van Herwaarden, Scott Ritzema

- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema, Joy Mulder
- Nursery: Aubryn DeJager, Beth Schlieve, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder and Andy Schlieve

**Missionary Letters**

G Bossenbroeck to Neen/Angel  
G Bossenbroeck 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**, in the hospital.
- **Ray Hofman**, chemo five days per month, and continued good health.
- **Faith Miedema**, making good progress after surgery.
- **Dewey Pausma**, health and strength.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, continued good health.

**Meal Train.** If you have a need for meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby (or want to make sure someone else gets some meals), please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. A Meal Train will get set up for you, where church members can prepare meals for you and your household, whether daily for a while, or even a couple times a week—whatever is most helpful for you.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade until January 5.

**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.

**High school youth group families**, thank you to those who took the time to provide valuable feedback and filled out the Google Feedback Form. In considering these options, we decided to move our meeting times for the rest of the current school year to **Sundays from 7:00-8:30 PM, beginning Sunday, January 5**. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we strive to best meet the needs of our high school students and their families.

**Choir will be singing at the Christmas Eve Service. Please be at church by 6 PM to go over music.**

**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!

**First Facebook and Website:** Whether you are newer to First or a longtime member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

**Church Email List:** If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com) so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

## **Community News**

***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.

**The RCS Auction Committee is seeking all Randolph Christian School Alumni!** We're seeking names and addresses of all former students,

families, and faculty of RCS. We're also looking for any school-related or generational photos of students and families. Our 2025 auction theme, "Leaving a Legacy," honors the lasting impact of every generation and alumnus. Please send copies of photos, name, address, phone, email and year(s) attended to [auction@randolphchristian.org](mailto:auction@randolphchristian.org). If you don't have any photos, we'd still love to have your updated addresses and phone numbers. You can also mail them to: Randolph Christian School, Attn: Auction Committee, 457 2nd St., Randolph, WI 53956. Please reply by Feb. 16.

## **Denominational News**

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Year End Support for The Banner!** - Help The Banner 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 Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at [TheBanner.org/Give](http://TheBanner.org/Give)

**An Advent Greeting from the CRCNA** - As we prepare for Christmas, the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America wish to share with you the Christmas story and find comfort in God's faithfulness. Watch this short video at [youtube.com/watch?v=gLDIlg-9DLKY](https://youtube.com/watch?v=gLDIlg-9DLKY) Have a blessed Christmas!

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

## **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

### **Accompanist**

Marlyce Mulder

### **Sound System**

Joe Bresser

### **Livestream**

Rachel Hoffman

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **PPT**

Beth Schlieve

### **Ushers**

Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Anna Nunnenkamp

### **Coffee**

Bob and Michelle Mulder

### **Children's Worship**

Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa,  
Lenny Aalsma

### **Nursery**

Hailey Wagner, Kaytlin Ruis, Elsa  
Homan

### **Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

### **PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Ryer Greenfield, 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)

## **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

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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

CCLI Song # 7050416 - Chris Tomlin | Matt Maher

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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**