

12/24/2023

# 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](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 Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is [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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**  
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

**All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday**

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**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: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" R244

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" R249

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" R277

Profession of Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29, 35, 36

\*Songs of Praise: "Your Name" (Christmas Version)

"He Shall Reign Forevermore

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

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

Ministry of Music

\*Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Message: "What's in Your Heart this Christmas?"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Angels We Have Heard on High" R278:1-3

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Joy to the World!" R270:1, 4

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld, Leaders of Life Group #5
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Kim and Megan Greenfield (vocals)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Katie DeJager, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children’s Worship: Stacey Schaver, Adrianna Schuringa, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Becca Vree, Emily Aalsma, Olivia Vander Werff
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Brian O’Donovan

### **Missionary Letters**

V Buteyn to Neen  
K Buwalda 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 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.



### **Our Family**

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.

**I would like to thank** the Deacons and my church for the very generous gift. Again, thanks. Kathy Kamphuis

**Pastor Greg Schuringa** will begin a vacation week tomorrow and plans to resume his usual pastoral work on January 2.

### **Church News**

#### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- December 24—5 PM, Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
- December 31—Old Year Worship with Matt Hofman
- January 7—New Year Worship, including reading of congregational milestones in 2023.
- January 14—Start of Baby Bottle Drive for Dodge County Pregnancy Services for Sanctity of Human Life Month.

**There is no Sunday School or Catechism today or December 31.**

**There will be no Children's Worship next week, December 31.**

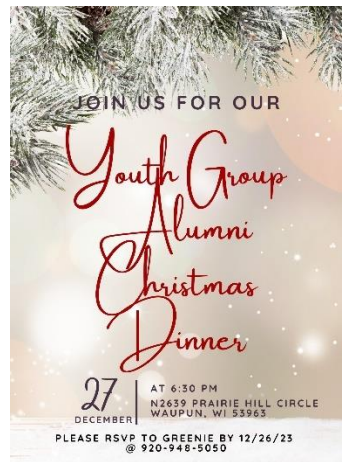
**Parking Lot resurfacing Project:** \$62,657 (78%) raised of the estimated \$80,000.

**Our church will once again be partnering with the Dodge County Pregnancy Center** by taking part in their annual Baby Bottle fundraiser. On Sunday, January 14, we will be handing out Baby Bottles that families can take home and fill up with their change, cash or even a check (made out to our church). The Bottles will be collected on Sunday, January 28. All of this money will go to the Dodge County Pregnancy Center to support their life saving ministry. As a church, we decided on these dates to remember the National Sanctity of Life Sunday which is January 21. The Baby Bottle campaign is a great way for families to come together around an important cause. If are not able to pick up bottle but want to give a donation, you can put your money in an envelope and give it to Mike or Bonnie Vander Berg.

**Christian Reformed Church Position on Human Sexuality.** A couple years ago as churches in our denomination we were given an opportunity to review and give feedback on the Human Sexuality Report that came from a denominational Study Committee. With input from the denomination as a whole, the HSR was approved and affirmed at our denomination's last two Synods. Synod is the CRC's annual gathering of pastors, elders and deacons. Recently, in response to Synod 2023's request for further equipping of the churches, CRC General Secretary, Zach King, has provided the following 10 minute video as a resource to concisely share what we believe on these matters and also to speak to the important pastoral implications that the CRC has emphasized:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-raziGne3dM>

**The youth group leaders of Bethel/First Youth Group** graciously invite all **recent post-high graduate alums** of our youth group to Bryant & Liz Greenfield's house for a night of food and fellowship, Wednesday, December 27, at 6:30 PM. Please text Greenie your RSVP @ 920-948-5050 by Tuesday, December 26. Can't wait to see you and catch up on life! Parents of 2019-2023 graduates, please pass along this information to your son/daughter.



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

**Save the Date:** On Sunday, January 14, will be an event for all life groups at 4:30 at church. Your leaders will be reaching out to you with what to bring!

### **Denominational News**

**Jesus is All of Christmas** - As we give and receive gifts, we celebrate Jesus, God's gift to us! Will you add someone who lives in poverty to your Christmas giving today? Change a life for good with an item from World Renew's Gift Catalog. Give online at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.

**Kids Corner: Christmas Love for God's Global Family** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Just like the wise men, we can choose to follow Jesus. By accepting the gift of his love, we give him a big gift: our hearts. God's family is together by the love of Jesus, which was shown on the first Christmas. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible story podcast "The Wise Men."

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**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.

### **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

## **This Evening**

### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

### **Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

### **PPT**

Lois Mulder

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Coffee**

Bob and Michelle Mulder

### **Children's Worship**

No Children's Worship

### **Nursery**

Jen Ritzema, Hailey Wagner, Taylor Hoffman

### **Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

### **PPT**

Beth Schlieve

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Brad Schouten, Owen Mulder

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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)

## **Your Name (Christmas Version)**

**Verse 1:** Humbly to the earth You came - Born into this world to save  
God with us Emmanuel - Now we adore Your Name

**Chorus:** Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other - Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
For nothing has the power to save - (But Your Name)

**Verse 2:** Jesus in Your Name we pray - Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You - And glorify Your Name

**Interlude:** Wonderful Counselor Prince of Peace

**Ending:** God with us Emmanuel - God with us Emmanuel  
God with us Emmanuel - Now we adore Your Name

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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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# Sermon Notes