

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 (waupunrc.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 (waupunrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupunrc.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

Call to Worship: "Lowest of Lows"

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"King of Kings" "To God be the Glory" R56

Confession and Assurance from the Contemporary Testimony

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

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

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 8 (ESV)

Message: "Song of the Year"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Build My Life"

*Benediction

*Doxology: "How Majestic is Your Name" R121

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Alvin Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Anna Nunnenkamp
- Call to Worship: Ruby Nunnenkamp and Jaina Venhuizen
- Worship Team: Anna Nunnenkamp (piano); Ruby Nunnenkamp, Jaina and Renae Venhuizen (vocalists)
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Jake Van Herwaarden, Brad Mulder
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Morgan Buwalda
- Nursery: Aubryn DeJager, Emily Mulder, Morgan Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Brad Shcouten

Missionary Letters

George Aalsma to Neen/Angel*
T Aalsma 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**, prayers her eyesight remains stable after surgery.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, severe pain still undiagnosed.

Congratulations to Noah and Mackenzie Mulder and family on the birth of **Colter Noah** on December 19!

Our deepest sympathy to Katie (and Gary) DeJager, Dan (and Gladys) Montsma and the rest of the family on the passing of their father, Peter Montsma. Visitation will take place here at First CRC on Friday afternoon from noon until 2, with the funeral following at 2.

Pastor Greg plans to be back in his church office on Friday, January 2, after a week of vacation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many people who reached out to us during Dan's recent knee surgery and the passing of my sister, Judy. It is truly humbling to know how deeply cared for you are during times of trouble. We are so grateful for our church family and appreciate you more than words can express.

With sincere thanks,

Dan & Gladys Montsma

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- January 4, New Year's Sunday: **Do You See What I See? Zechariah #12: Will Holiness Be Your Focus in 2026?**

If you are interested in **profession of faith**, please contact Scott Ritzema.

If you are interested in **membership at First CRC**, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

The ladies Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be starting a new study on Esther on January 14. This is a 7-lesson book. We plan to meet every Wednesday at the Christian Home Living Center, in the Mulder room at 1 PM. Please contact Linda Pausma for more information or a book if you would like to join us.

Community News

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.

Now Enrolling: CWC 4K for 2026–27: CWC is now accepting **new student applications** for our **4K program** for the **2026–27 school year!** We are excited to share that **CWC 4K now participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**, making high-quality early childhood education more accessible for families.

- **Who:** Children eligible for 4K
- **When:** 2026–27 school year
- **Program:** CWC 4K (WPCP eligible)

Enrollment is limited, and early application is encouraged. For more information about eligibility, enrollment steps, and deadlines, please contact Kim Greenfield, kgreenfield@WeAreCWC.org or visit our website, www.WeAreCWC.org. Give your child a strong start at CWC!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist
Lois Mulder

Livestream
Randall Greenfield

Coffee
Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

PPT
Katie DeJager

Children's Worship
Stacey Schaver, Hailey Bresser

Sound System
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Nursery
???

Transportation
Bob Mulder

Ushers
Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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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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King Of Kings

Verse 1: In the darkness we were waiting - Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running - There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets - To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory - To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father - Praise the Son - Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory – Majesty - Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2: To reveal the kingdom coming - And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation - You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering - You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation - Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3: And the morning that You rose - All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good - For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs - And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come - To the Father are restored

Verse 4: And the Church of Christ was born - Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old - Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name - In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ - Who has resurrected me

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Build My Life

Verse 1: Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You

Verse 2: Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You - We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You - There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart - And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love - It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone - And I will not be shaken

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Sermon Notes