

12/29/2019

*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](http://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](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.

**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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**Pastor Harv: 616-402-1342**

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

## **The Community Gathers**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs of Praise-

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“As We Gather”

Greetings

## **To Renew Commitment**

### **Confession and Affirmation of Faith (responsively)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only  
begotten Son, our Lord.

**For God so loved the world that he  
gave his only begotten Son, that  
whoever believes in him should not  
perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

**When the time had fully come, God  
sent his Son, born of woman, born  
under the law, to redeem those who  
were under the law, so that we might  
receive adoption.**

Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; He  
descended into hell, (moment of silent  
prayer) The third day he rose again from  
the dead.

**The Lord has risen indeed!**

He ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the  
living and the dead.

### **Accompanist**

AM: Anna Nunnenkamp &

Lois Mulder

PM: Lois Mulder

### **Children & Worship**

Jessica Ten Pass

Jolie Schouten

Jaxon Buteyn

### **Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Gary DeJager

Brian Van Herwaarden

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

### **Greeters**

Louis & Nancy Wierenga

### **Nursery**

Jen Ritzema

Carlie Jansen

Tirzah Ritzema

### **Sound System**

Glen Greenfield

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder (382-0926)

### **Ushers**

Arent Venhuizen

Brad Schouten

Glen Greenfield

Tyler Ten Pass

### **Video Projection**

LeAnne Holden

### **Missionary Letters**

B Bresser to Daryl Pfantz

J Bresser to Neen+

J Bronkhorst to Chaplain

Pete+

\*Please stand when you hear the fourth

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses.**

I believe a holy catholic church.

**And we are his witnesses.**

The forgiveness of sins.

**And we are his witnesses.**

The resurrection of the body.

**And we are his witnesses.**

And a life with God which lasts forever.

**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Congregational Prayer

Offering

## **To Hear the Word**

\*Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4

Message: Making It Plain

Song of Response: "Forever He is Glorified" by Anna Nunnenkamp and Joe Venhuizen

## **To Disperse in Mission**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Forever He is Glorified"

Postlude

**6:00 PM Worship Service**  
**(\*Please stand if you are able)**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Opening Songs** led by Toni Hoffman

**Prayers of the People** led by Merle Schouten

**We Study God's Word:** 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; "Triumph in Christ"

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** HC Q&A 1

**\*Song of Response:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Song:** "Bless His Holy Name"

**\*Postlude**

## **Worship Notes**

**This morning** Pastor Steve Venhuizen will lead us in worship as we look at Habakkuk. This evening Bill Zuhlke will lead our worship.

## **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:** \$9,271

**Elim:** \$384

**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. 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**

Keren Derksen	29
Dave Venhuizen	29
Brian Van Herwaarden	30
Lori Venhuizen	31

### **January Birthdays**

Jenni Morgan	1
Rich DeMaa	2
Heidi Schaver	3

## **As you pray this week, please remember these people:**

- Janet Ver Hage as she is on a new trial drug.
- 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**

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 is no Sunday School today.

### **DENOMINATION NEWS**

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, 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 [cgibson@worldrenew.net](mailto:cgibson@worldrenew.net) or 800-848-5818 to learn more.

Thank you for sharing God's Love this Advent - We give gifts to each other, remembering Jesus Christ who brings us salvation and tells us to share His great gifts with others, especially those in need. If you would like to know more about the life-changing difference your gifts to World Renew can make in ending poverty, please visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net). Thank you.

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 PM	Christian Fellowship
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:45 AM	Prayer Meeting in church basement
	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Children & Worship**

**Leader:** Mackenzie Mulder

Cassidy Ritzema

Kolten Buwalda

**Elder/Deacon Greeters**

Dan Montsma

Eric Schaver

**Fellowship Coffee**

Michael & Danielle Jansma

**Greeters**

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

**Musical Praise**

Toni Hofman

**Nursery**

Emily Mulder

Amanda Buteyn

Jolie Schouten

**Offering:** Local Budget

**January Cause:** Dodge County

Pregnancy Resource Center

**PM Prayer**

Al Venhuizen

**Sound System**

Glen Greenfield

**Ushers**

Ben Mulder

Jesse Buteyn

Neil Venhuizen

Al Holden

**Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

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

## **Worship Notes**

# CREATION MOMENTS

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Never-Fail Bat Alarm



*Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. (Psalm 119:154)*

The swiftly moving bat cuts almost invisibly through the darkness, silent to all but those who can hear its ultrasonic radar. What chance does a poor night-flying cricket – prized as a tasty bat snack – have?

Let's treat this problem as if you were the Creator, faced with the problem of giving your night-flying cricket a chance against its predator. You could design the cricket so that it would stay in its hiding place at night, but then you wouldn't have a night-flying cricket. You could give the cricket the ability to hear the bat's radar, but that alone won't help the cricket if he can't get to safety.

The solution our Creator has invented to help the cricket preserve its life is another example of His engineering excellence. He has built the cricket with a single-celled bat detector that is wired into the cricket's nervous system. The detector is triggered by the frequency that bats use for navigation. When triggered, the cell fires off up to 500 impulses per second. These impulses automatically cause the cricket to steer away from the source of the ultrasound. The most impressive engineering fact about this bat detector is that it only works if the cricket is in flight and, therefore, vulnerable to bats. When crickets are safe from bats – resting, hiding, eating or preening – the bat detector cell doesn't fire any warning at all!

The precise elegance that the Creator has designed into the cricket for its protection is a witness to His wisdom in caring for all that He has created. Learn more about that wisdom in the Bible.

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