

12/29/2024

# 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**

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**PO Box 32, Waupun**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Holy, Holy, Holy" G249

"Holy Forever (Christmas Version)" "Our God"

Confession and Assurance from the Contemporary Testimony

End-of-Year Highlights

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

Ministry of Music: "All My Boast is in Jesus"

Song of Worship: "Amazing Grace" G462

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

\*Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (ESV)

Message: "Abundant Blessing"

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: "All Sufficient Merit"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "All Sufficient Merit"

\*Postlude

**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Al Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Anna Nunnenkamp
- Worship Team: Anna Nunnenkamp (piano); Grace Bruins, Hollie Ganz, Tyler Ten Pass, Joe Venhuizen
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois Mulder, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa, Lenny Aalsma

- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Kaytlin Ruis, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Brian O'Donovan

**Missionary Letters**

B Bresser to Neen/Angel\*

J Bresser 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.

**As 2024 draws to a close**, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation to my church family for all the support you shared with me through my health challenges and in my surgery recovery this year. Thank you to Pastor Schuringa, Darrell Schaver, and to each of you for your encouragement and prayers. With gratitude, Brian Bresser

**Brad and Rhonda Schouten** invite the congregation to watch the wedding of Jolie Schouten and Brandon Hansen on January 4 at 3:00 PM. The couple is very thankful for the opportunity to have their wedding livestreamed for family and friends and all of you to enjoy. The couple asks for the congregation's prayers and support as they begin their lives together.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- January 5, 9:30 AM: New Year's Sunday, Chaplain Peter Hofman preaching.

**Pastor Greg Schuringa** is on a vacation week. He plans to return to pastoral duties this coming Thursday.

### **Sunday School and Catechism start up again next week!**

**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.

**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!

## **Community News**

**CWC High School Preview Day is January 15:** Prospective high school students interested in learning more about the top-notch, biblically based program at Central Wisconsin Christian are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Wednesday, January 15. Students will experience a day as a CWC student by visiting classes, chapel, interactive presentations, and more. To find out more information and to RSVP, call the Advancement Office at 920-324-4233 ext 310 and don't miss out!!

**Hoops For Hope:** It's going to be a special night on Friday, January 31, as the basketball teams and fans of Central Wisconsin Christian, Hustisford and Johnson Creek join forces for Hoops for Hope: A Night for Cancer at the CWC Gymnasium. Several activities will be taking place throughout the night to raise funds to support two area families currently battling cancer: CWC Director of Advancement Gregg Zonnefeld and CWC 2014 Alumni Jared Regnerus. A freewill donation meal will begin at 4:30 PM along with the basketball games. You can support by purchasing a t-shirt, participate in the chuck-a-duck competition or honor someone on the honor wall. Please check out the webpage to find out how you can support our event.  
<https://www.wearecwc.org/support/hoops-for-hope.cfm>

**Youth Basketball Night:** Crusader Athletics is hosting Youth Basketball on Tuesday, January 14, and a freewill meal to support the Class of 2026. Come and support the Crusaders and the Juniors!

**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. 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.

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Livestream**

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**Coffee**

George and Karen Aalsma

**PPT**

Lois Mulder

**Children's Worship**

Jenna Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa,  
Jonah Mulder

**Sound System**

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**Nursery**

Hollie Ganz, Hailey Bresser, Noralyn Durni

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
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)

**BBO Philippines Ministry Monthly Report (November 2024)**

Merry Christmas!

As Christmas approaches, we express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the years. Your generosity has been instrumental in providing meals to poor families, elderly individuals living alone and supporting the prison ministry.

With a heavy heart, we share that David Panganoron, an elderly man we assisted with food, medication, and a nebulizer, passed away two weeks ago

from an asthma attack. We also supported his family with burial expenses. November and December have been difficult, as we lost two individuals we helped.

Despite these challenges, God's goodness shines through, I continue to pray for healing from my own health struggles. I apologize for the late updates, the volcanic ash from Negros occidental and colder weather have aggravate my asthma.

Thank you again for your support and prayers. May the hope and love of Christ's birth fill your hearts and homes with blessings this Christmas season.

With heartfelt thanks

Neen and Angel

## **Holy Forever**

**Verse 1:** Held within a manger – The Son of God arrived  
The one who would be called Emmanuel  
The promise was delivered – Unto a virgin bride  
The one who would be called Emmanuel

**Pre-Chorus:** (Jesus) Your name is the highest - Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all - All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions - Your name stands above them all

**Chorus 1:** And the angels cry Holy - All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy - Holy forever

**Verse 2:** In the humble town of David – A Savior born today  
The one who would be called Emmanuel  
Behold the host of Heaven – with holy roar proclaim  
The one who would be called Emmanuel  
The Messiah – Our God, is with us now

**Chorus 2:** Hear Your people sing Holy - To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

**Tag:** You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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## Our God

**Verse 1:** Water You turned into wine - Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You - None like You

**Verse 2:** Into the darkness You shine - Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You - None like You

**Chorus:** Our God is greater - Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other - Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

**Bridge:** And if our God is for us - Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us - Then what could stand against  
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And if our God is with us - Then what could stand against  
(Then) what could stand against

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## All Sufficient Merit

**Verse 1:** All sufficient merit shining like the sun - A fortune I inherit by no work  
I have done - My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

**Verse 2:** In love He condescended eternal now in time - A life without a  
blemish the Maker made to die - The law could never save us our  
lawlessness had won - Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

**Chorus:** It is done it is finished - No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient - Merit now my own

**Verse 3:** I lay down my garments any empty boast - Good works now all  
corrupted by the sinful host - I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus - A crimson robe  
made white - No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine

**Verse 4:** All sufficient merit firm in life and death - The joy of my salvation  
shall be my final breath - When I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross - Yes, I'll thank Him for  
the cross

**Tag:** Oh, Your merit now my own – Oh, Your merit now my own

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# Sermon Notes