

12/3/2023

# 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**

**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 Christ's Coming: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" G328:1, 4-6

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

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

\*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Message: "Noel in the Old Testament #1: Immanuel"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Emmanuel" R243

Meaning of the Lord's Supper

Summary of Scripture's Teaching

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

The Celebration

Song: "Here I Am to Worship" *(During the passing of the cup)*

Conclusion

Song of Response: "Once in Royal David's City" R286:1-3

*(During this song the deacons will receive our gifts to the Benevolent Fund as we seek to reach people in need.)*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Once in Royal David's City" R286:4

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Reading and Candle  
Lighting: Steve and Heidi Smits,  
Leaders of Life Group #3

- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Violin: Nikki Durni
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara  
Schmitt (piano and vocals); Kevin  
Buwalda, Kim Greenfield (vocals)

- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Kolten Buwalda, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Cassidy Ritzema

- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

### **Missionary Letters**

G Bossenbroek to Neen\*  
B 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 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:**

- **Rev. Ken Van De Griend family**, funeral service this past Monday.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, continued doctoring.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Congratulations to Pastor Greg & Sarah and family on the birth of Elsie Faith Dykema the week of Thanksgiving.** She is Olivia and Isaac's first child and Pastor Greg & Sarah's first grandchild. **Also, our sympathy to Pastor Greg and Sarah and family in the death of Pastor Greg's Grandpa Post** also the week of Thanksgiving. A graveside service was scheduled for yesterday in Demotte, Indiana, and a Memorial Service is scheduled in Grand Rapids the week after Christmas.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- December 10, 17—Advent Sundays
- December 10, 5 PM—Community Service of Lessons and Carols at City Hall (hosted by the Waupun Ministers' Association). Any singers who would like to join a community choir, directed by Emma De Vries and accompanied by Georgene Antos, for the event are invited to rehearsals

on Monday, Dec. 4. at 7:00 PM and/or Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 PM. Both rehearsals will be at the Waupun United Methodist Church at 199 E. Jefferson (enter on Forest St. across from Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home). Either come to the rehearsals (music will be provided) or call Pastor Steve Miller (920-324-9721) for more information.

- December 17—Kids' Christmas in Worship
- December 24—9:30 AM, Christmas service; 5 PM, Christmas Eve Hymn Sing
- December 31—Old Year/New Year Worship with Matt Hofman

**A Night In Bethlehem is TODAY from 4:30-6:00.** Plan to come to enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the town of Bethlehem. Remember canned goods for the Food Pantry as your tax to enter. Invite others to join you as you reflect on the Best Gift of all Jesus!!!

**Public Profession of Faith.** If you have interest in making public profession of your faith, please reach out to Scott Ritzema in the near future to talk about next steps and what that might look like. Thank you!

**Update on the Church Parking Lot resurfacing Project:** \$7,960 raised of estimated \$80,000. There will be a special offering taken on December 10 (next week) for the Parking Lot resurfacing Project.

**On Saturday, Dec. 23,** our church will be ringing the **Salvation Army** bells at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun from 10 AM to 6 PM. If you are willing and able to take a two-hour shift, please talk to Arky Navis.

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

## **Community News**

**Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed Church** (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 3 (TONIGHT), at 6 PM. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and also enjoying musical performances by a variety of soloists along with The New Generation Singers and The United Men of Praise. A freewill offering will be shared equally with Awaken Kids and REACH, both Waupun organizations that support the youth of our communities.

**Emanuel Lutheran Church (107 S Prairie St, Brandon) is having a Homemade Cookie and Candy Sale** on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Sale will be held in Emanuel's basement Their elevator or stairs will be available to use.



**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study – lesson 11 (upper room)  
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night (Dress warm for Caroling!)  
 6:30 PM Cadets at the Union  
 6:30 PM Elders Meeting (Lower Level)  
 7:00 PM Youth Group – Small groups @ The Union

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

**Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

**Coffee**

Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld

**PPT**

Ryer Greenfield

**Children’s Worship**

Mackenzie Mulder, Cassidy Ritzema,  
 Morgan Buwalda

**Sound System**

Joe Bresser

**Nursery**

Emily Mulder, Aubryn DeJager,  
 Jonah Mulder

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
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)

**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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### **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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**Verse 3:** Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear  
Come and worship - Come and worship - Worship Christ the newborn King

**Verse 4:** Though an infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's throne  
Gather all the nations to Him; every knee shall then bow down  
Come and worship - Come and worship - Worship Christ the newborn King

**Ending:** Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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### **Here I Am to Worship**

**Verse 1:** Light of the world - You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see - Beauty that made  
This heart adore You - Hope of a life spent with You

**Chorus:** So here I am to worship - Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God - And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy - Altogether wonderful to me

**Verse 2:** King of all days - Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above - Humbly You came  
To the earth You created - All for love's sake became poor

**Bridge:** And I'll never know how much it cost - To see my sin upon that cross  
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## Sermon Notes