

12/31/2023

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

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

PO Box 32, Waupun

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship R752

*Song of Joy: "Joy to the World" R270:1, 4

*Songs of Praise: "Peace Like a River" R750:1-3

"Nothing but the Blood" R337:1, 4

Call to Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Praise: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

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

Ministry of Music

*Scripture Reading: Exodus 19

Message: "At the Foot of the Mountain"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Ancient Words"

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Matt Hofman
- Confession/Assurance: Toni Hofman
- Congregational Prayer: Bob Mulder
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Jon, Juliette and Joy Mulder
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth Schlieve, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

- Children's Worship: No Children's Worship today
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Hailey Wagner, Taylor Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brad Schouten, Owen Mulder

Missionary Letters

Kevin Buwalda to Neen*
R 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.



Update on the Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Project: \$65,558 (82%) raised of the estimated \$80,000.

Please note that the monthly financial giving report for December will be provided at the end of January as the Deacons will verify all donations for 2023 have been received.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

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

Pastor Greg Schuringa will resume his usual pastoral work on January 2.

Dear church family, your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for prayers, cards, and the memorial gift of a pretty lantern. - Wanda Van De Griend and Family

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- 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 Children's Worship, Sunday School, or Catechism today.

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.

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!

Dordt University thanks the congregation for its recent offering of \$250 for the Dordt Annual Fund Drive. Our task of training kingdom citizens requires collaboration, and so we are grateful for your faithful support. Dordt University continues to be blessed by God, in its mission of raising up young people who will shape culture and further God’s kingdom in all areas of life. U.S. News & World Report ranked Dordt #8 on their best colleges list for “Regional Universities (Midwest),” the top-ranked school in Iowa in that category. We are immensely thankful for a faculty dedicated to Dordt’s Reformed, Christian perspective, for students who pursue the vision of serviceable insights, and for alumni who honor the University with their effective kingdom work.

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>

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
6:30 PM Cadets at the Union
6:30 PM GEMS Club Night at Bethel CRC
Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th/12th Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Lois Mulder

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Olivia Vander
Werff, Heidi Schaver

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Nursery

You will be notified

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)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1: What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer - There is no more for
heaven now to give - He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace - To this I hold my hope is
only Jesus - For my life is wholly bound to his - Oh how strange and divine I
can sing all is mine - Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2: The night is dark but I am not forsaken - For by my side the Saviour he will stay - I labour on in weakness and rejoicing - For in my need his power is displayed - To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me - Through the deepest valley he will lead - Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3: No fate I dread I know I am forgiven - The future sure the price it has been paid - For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon - And he was raised to overthrow the grave - To this I hold my sin has been defeated - Jesus now and ever is my plea - Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4: With every breath I long to follow Jesus - For he has said that he will bring me home - And day by day I know he will renew me - Until I stand with joy before the throne - To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - All the glory evermore to him - When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending: When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me - Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Ancient Words

Verse 1: Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart - O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2: Words of life words of hope - Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam - Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus: Ancient words ever true - Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts - O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3: Holy words of our faith - Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice - O heed the faithful words of Christ

Verse 4: Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart - O let the ancient words impart

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Benediction

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father - And the grace of Christ
the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign - From the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n - We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding - And this grace which
makes us what we are - And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Sermon Notes