

12/5/2021

## First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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 basket on the table on the way out, 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 or email the church office at 920-324-2898. 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.



**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: "Come, Oh Redeemer, Come"

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart" • "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" G353 • "What Child is This?" R281:1, 3

Congregational Prayer

*Children ages 3-6 are dismissed for Children's Worship*

\*Scripture: John 1:1, 14

Message: "The Christ of Christmas #2: Jesus is Man"

\*Song of Response: "Once in Royal David's City" G346:1-3

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Once in Royal David's City" G346:4

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Advent Readers: Megan Greenfield, Avery Slings
- Vocalists: Nicole Durni, Michelle Mulder, Cara Schmitt
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Lois Mulder, Gregg Zonnefeld
- Coffee: Steve & Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Kolten Buwalda
- Nursery: Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Taylor Hoffman

**Missionary Letters**

J Bronkhorst to Daryl Pfantz\*  
H Buteyn to Neen  
J Buteyn to Chaplain Pete

+Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

**Special Guest from Heartbeat International:** This morning, we have the privilege of hearing from Rebekah Hagan, a representative from Heartbeat International, during our worship service. Heartbeat International is an international pro-life ministry that our church has supported several times

over the past few years. Let's make Rebekah feel welcome as she is traveling from California to spend the morning with our church family.

### **Giving to First CRC**

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please leave your donation in the basket on the table in the narthex. All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering (Gideons 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**

#### **December Birthdays**

Darrall Schaver	6	Jolie Schouten	7
Cassie Holden	7	Jon Mulder	9

#### **December Anniversaries**

Harry & Karen Venhuizen	28
Gene & Toni Hofman	29

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

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Sandy Greenfield, effectiveness of shot for neck pain.
- Pat Loomans, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Brenda Merhalski, dealing with cancer.
- Wilma Navis, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Larry Pluim, dealing with cancer.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Sam Vander Galien, recovery from surgery.

### **Church News**

#### **A sign-up genius was sent out to sign up for food and for carolers.**

Please have the food to church by noon on Dec. 12. Carolers should be at church by 4:00 for instructions. Schedule for the Live Nativity:

- 4:00-5:15 Live Nativity, Narration, and Caroling outside
- 4:00-5:15 Meal in the basement
- 5:30-6:00 Music in the sanctuary
- 6:00 Sunday School Christmas Program

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!!

**If you are participating in the Live Nativity**, please come to the front of church after the service to try on a costume.

We will **be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army** December 17-18 at Piggly Wiggly. We are looking for people to fill two-hour slots from 10-6 on both of those days. If you can only do one hour, find a partner to do the other hour. Please talk to Arky Navis if you have any questions or to sign up to help.

**Sunday School Christmas Program:** We are excited to be working on this year's Sunday school program! The program will take place Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6 PM, after the Live Nativity events. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mackenzie Mulder or Sarah Schuringa. Thank you!

Our **Christmas Eve service** will be on Friday, December 24, at 7 PM.

Council is planning to have **ushers** again in the very near future. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please contact Lois via the office phone (920-324-2898) or the church email ([waupunrcrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupunrcrc@gmail.com)).

### **Community News**

**Central Wisconsin Christian Middle School & High School Christmas Concert:** On Monday, December 13, our Middle and High School students will be performing their Christmas Concert. Groups included in the concert are 5th/6th Choir, 7th/8th Choir, Jr Choir, Sr Choir, New Gs, 6th grade band, 7th/8th band and the HS band. Please come out and help us begin Celebrating the Newborn King!

**Central Wisconsin Christian (Waupun) is seeking applicants for a bookkeeper/HR coordinator.** This position is part time with potential to grow to full time depending on applicant abilities. Applications will be taken through January 15, with a start date of February 15. A complete job description and application form can be found at [WeAreCWC.org/about/employment.cfm](http://WeAreCWC.org/about/employment.cfm). For more information, contact Administrator Mark Buteyn at 920-324-4233, ext 311 or by email at [mbuteyn@WeAreCWC.org](mailto:mbuteyn@WeAreCWC.org).

**Central Wisconsin Christian Elementary Christmas Program:** Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing the Christmas message to you on Tuesday, December 21, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please come to whichever time works best for you. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our music with you!

Would you like to put a smile on someone's face and be very helpful? **The Christian Home and Homestead needs volunteers!** Do any of these sound like something you could do:

- Read to resident (mail or book).
- Help a resident with a craft project.
- Help residents find pages in their hymnal during hymn sing or church.
- Take a resident on a sight-seeing tour of the building in their wheelchair.
- Help serve at a social.
- Discuss a picture with a resident.
- Help a resident put together a puzzle or color with them.
- Pour coffee before a meal and chat with the residents.
- Play a table game (cards, dice) with residents.
- Play piano for church services.

We could use some bingo prizes such as knick-knacks, perfume, jewelry, mini flashlight, small lotion, or individually packaged food (need to watch expiration dates). Carolers and choirs are welcome to sing from the chapel. We will broadcast your singing into the lounges and resident rooms so residents can hear you even though it won't be in person. If interested, please call Linda, Activity and Volunteer Coordinator, at 324-7648. Thank you!

**Christmas Carol Sing:** First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A freewill offering will benefit the Waupun Holiday Help Program. This event will be held in-person but will also be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page at First Reformed Church Waupun. Also, video DVDs and audio CDs of the Carol Sing will be available (free of charge) on December 12. These will be located in the "Bulletin Box" at the main entrance of First Reformed Church or contact the church at 324-2321 or [office@firstreformedwaupun.com](mailto:office@firstreformedwaupun.com) to make arrangements to have one mailed to you.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER!** We will again serve a home-cooked meal for anyone who has no plans for Christmas at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Saturday, Dec. 25. To allow for COVID concerns we will serve buffet style and seating will be spaced for safety. We will serve at 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM. **Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations...**and state which time slot you want to attend. There is no charge for the dinner.

## Calendar

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

## Next Week

### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

### **Livestream**

Rachel Hoffman

### **Children's Worship**

Sarah Schuringa, Jaxon Buteyn

### **PPT**

Beth Schlieve

### **Coffee Time**

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

### **Nursery**

Andrea Buwalda, Casey Homan, Jenna Schouten

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

## **Sermon Notes**