

2/12/2023

# 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.



**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

Call to Worship: "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" R227

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "Behold Our God"

Preparation for Communion Next Week:

Song of Confession and Assurance: "O Great God"

Song of Worship: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Preparatory Exhortation - G983

Congregational Prayer

Prayer for Children's Worship

Offering: Local Budget and Beautiful Response

Song of Worship: "We Give You But Your Own" G296

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

Message: "Our Precious Faith #11: Growing and Glorifying"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "I Will Extol You, O My God" G185

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Majesty" R10

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa, Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Nikki Durni (guitar and vocals); Rachel Hoffman, Pete Vander Werff, Renae Venhuizen (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Lois Mulder, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Karen Aalsma

- Children's Worship: Pat Jonker, Avery Slings, Adrianna Schuringa
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Kaytlin Ruis, Olivia Vander Werff
- Ushers: Arent and Neil Venhuizen

**Missionary Letters**

G Hofman to Neen

P Hofman 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 month's special offering (Beautiful Response for February), 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.

**Beautiful Response** exists to support and empower our partner organizations in the developing world by providing financial and technical resources. We partner with their leaders, prioritizing their mission as they meet the particular needs of their communities.

We commit to creating a meaningful impact around the world, empowering the visions of our partners in Uganda and Haiti. Gifts and donations contributed to Beautiful Response do not support our ideas or solutions but rather those of the people who live in those respective communities. Your gifts fund the work and ingenuity of Ugandans meeting Ugandan problems and Haitians meeting Haitian problems.

## **Our Family**

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamhuis, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.
- Steve Smits, in recovery after knee surgery.

**Our sympathy to Lori (and Dave) Venhuizen** in the passing away of Lori's father, Henry, last week. The funeral is scheduled for this Thursday at Faith CRC in Elmhurst, IL.

**Dear First CRC Waupun family,** we thank you so very much for the thoughtful gift of the flowers for my dad's visitation and service. This brought tears to Harv and my eyes when it was delivered. You are so very dear to us, and this was a reminder of our special time together.

- Harv and Kathy Roosma

**Thank you to all** for the food, cards, visits, etc., when Dad died. His fervent prayers were finally answered. Special thanks to Pastor Greg for his visit with us and Dad, and for stepping in to do the funeral.

- The family of Harold Mulder

## **Church News**

**A New Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will be starting on February 22! We will meet here at First CRC each Wednesday from February 22 to March 29, and we will use the study titled **40 Days With Jesus, A Study on the Life of Christ**. We will take an in-depth look at the life of Jesus, including His birth, ministry, death, and resurrection as we prepare for Easter. If you would like to join this study, please contact Sarah Schuringa by Monday, February 13, so we can order your book.

**New Sermon Series: Praying Big.** Next week we plan to start a sermon series on prayer that will take us through the season of Lent. Lent, the 40 days before Easter, historically has been a period for God's people of preparation to meet Jesus as the cross and empty tomb through repentance, devotion and renewal. What better way to look ahead to the Jesus' death and resurrection than to prepare through prayer? Our sermon series will be following along with the book *Pray Big: Learn to Pray Like an Apostle* by the excellent preacher Alistair Begg. If you have the book, you should read the introduction and chapter 1 this week as preparation for Sunday's message.

**Communion next Sunday.** If you watch First CRC services online and are not able to be in worship next Sunday for Communion due to being shut-in or in poor health, you can reach out to your care group elder to bring you the elements ahead of time to participate in Communion with the congregation remotely.

## **Community News**

**The next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** will take place next Saturday, February 18, at 7:30 AM. If you have not come in the past, please consider joining us. It is a great opportunity for men to come together for some great fellowship and food.

**The Dordt University Wind Symphony** is coming to Waupun on Saturday, March 11, for a 6:30 PM concert at the Central Wisconsin Christian School Crusader Center. They are in need of host families to volunteer to house the students after their concert. Host families typically come to the concert and pick up students afterward, provide a snack that evening, provide breakfast the following morning, and make sure they get to the First CRC in Waupun in the morning for worship the next day. If you are willing to house Dordt University Wind Symphony Students on Saturday, March 11, please contact Kim Greenfield at [kgreenfield@wearecwc.org](mailto:kgreenfield@wearecwc.org).

**The Knights of Columbus fish fries at St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Waupun will begin on Friday, February 10, through Friday, April 7. Serving will take place at the Parish Center from 5-7 PM, dine-in or carry-out. Dinners will include 12 oz of beer battered cod, French fries or potato salad, coleslaw, a slice of marble rye bread, a dill pickle spear, and tartar sauce. Dine-in patrons will also be served coffee, milk, or water. Soda and beer will be available at an addition charge. Dinners are \$12 each.

**Biblical Study Tour to Italy** (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

## **Calendar**

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

**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study – Lessons 7 & 8  
6:30 PM GEMS Club Night at Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM Executive Committee meeting

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

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Coffee**

Al and LeAnne Holden

### **Children's Worship**

Arent Venhuizen, Ethan Homan, Olivia Vander Werff

### **Nursery**

Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Jonah Mulder

### **Livestream**

Rachel Hoffman

### **PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Ushers**

Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Honor God  
 Serve Others  
 Transform Lives



### **Behold Our God**

**Verse 1:** Who has held the oceans in His hands - Who has numbered every grain of sand - Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
 All creation rises to rejoice

**Chorus:** Behold our God seated on His throne - Come let us adore Him  
 Behold our King nothing can compare - Come let us adore Him

**Verse 2:** Who has given counsel to the Lord - Who can question any of His words - Who can teach the One who knows all things  
 Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

**Verse 3:** Who has felt the nails upon His hands - Bearing all the guilt of sinful man - God eternal humbled to the grave - Jesus Savior risen now to reign

**Bridge:** You will reign forever - (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
 You will reign forever - (Let Your glory fill)

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## **O Great God**

**Verse 1:** O great God of highest heav'n - Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme - Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain - That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me - Make me Yours forever more

**Verse 2:** I was blinded by my sin - Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within - Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life - Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son - Gave me endless hope and peace

**Verse 3:** Help me now to live a life - That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul - From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised - With my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n - Glorify Your Name through me  
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## **He Will Hold Me Fast**

**Verse 1:** When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

**Chorus:** He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

**Verse 2:** Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

**Verse 3:** For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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## Sermon Notes