

# First Christian Reformed Church



## Who We Are

Welcome to First CRC! We're glad you're here to worship with us today! By God's grace, we're a family of believers that has been gathering to worship God and serve others for some 100 years. We were established out of nearby Alto CRC, in 1921, and later in 1961, Bethel CRC in Waupun, started from members of First.

At First CRC, in Sunday worship and during the week, you'll find many historic and biblical practices of the Christian faith. Our leadership, elders and deacons and pastor, seek to keep these vibrant and relevant to Christians living in today's world.

## Child Care and Student Ministries on Sunday Mornings

During worship, we have nursery care for children ages 0-2, and Children's Worship for children ages 3 through 4K. Children's Worship kids are dismissed halfway through the worship service. After worship parents should pick up their children on the upper level where these ministries take place. If you need to take a child out of the worship service for a bit, you may go to our Lower Level where there are two couches and a nearby bathroom. By the couches a TV is playing the service live.

Sunday School and Catechism classes for K – 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet after the morning worship service.

## What We Believe

We subscribe to the historic Christian faith; the Bible is our final authority in faith and life; we also look by grace through faith alone to Christ alone for our salvation. For more details about what we believe and how we live out the faith, please visit our website ([waupunrc.com](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular, large-print, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office ([waupunrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupunrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupunrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupunrc.com)) for anything else related to First CRC, including membership, our ministries, as well as what we believe and practice. Please join us for coffee and conversation near our main entrance each Sunday before and after worship.

## 9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!" G146

\*Song of Confession & Commitment: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" G262

Congregational Prayer

\*Songs of Worship: "Turn Your Eyes" "Jesus Messiah"

Offerings for the Local Budget and Beautiful Response

*Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship*

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-13

Message: "Ephesians #19: The Christian Warfare, Part I"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "O Church Arise"

\*Profession of Our Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

(During the passing of the bread)

Song of Worship: "Nothing But the Blood" R337

(During the passing of the cups)

Song of Praise: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" R309

(an offering for Benevolence will be received during this song—our praise and thanks to Jesus isn't with our lips alone, but also with our actions)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "There is a Redeemer" R308:2-3

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Jessica Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Katie DeJager, Rachel Hoffman
- Children's Worship: Casey Homan, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Kase Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

## **Missionary Letters**

A DeJager to Neen/Angel  
G DeJager 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 (Beautiful Response for February) the remaining Sundays, while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. Online 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.



## **Elder Notes:**

- Junice Rens' membership was transferred to Grace URC.
- Avery Slings' membership was transferred to Crown Point CRC in Crown Point.
- Emma (Slings) Smits' membership was transferred to Covenant Fellowship Church in South Holland.

## **Our Family**

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

- **Jim Groenewold**, has begun hospice care.
- **Dick Heeringa**, in palliative care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, released from the hospital and is now in rehab at the Christian Home.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, doctoring for continued pain.

**A new Directory** will be printed in the very near future. If you've moved or have a new phone number and have not reported it to the office, please do so soon.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- March 8, Guest Pastor Aaron Baart from Dordt University, New Generation Singers in Worship
- March 15, Baptism
- March 29, Palm Sunday, Children singing
- April 3, Good Friday Worship with Lord's Supper, 6:30 PM
- April 5, Easter Sunday

**Bible Reading Plan for Lent (Wednesday, February 18 – Easter Sunday).** We're making a Bible reading plan available that takes us through the life of Christ in the gospels, with some discussion questions that you can do for your personal devotions or with a small group of people as a way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter. The plan will be explained in worship and made available today.

**This is the last week to grab items left in the kitchen. Please pick up your dishes today or they will go to Bargains!!**

**Lord's Supper in Worship Today.** If you are a guest with us you are invited to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning if you are a member in good standing of another Bible believing church. If you are not, we encourage you not to participate, but to pray about whether God is calling you to take next steps forward in your faith journey by joining a church that stands on the historic Christian faith, centered in Jesus Christ, as we read about in the Bible, and even to consider joining First CRC! If you are interested in membership at First, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

**If you borrowed a three-hole punch from the office and didn't return it, we would love to have it back. It's an adjustable one and has been missing from the cupboard for several months now.**

## **Community News**

There's still room for you at the **ONE Waupun Men's Conference!** Join us on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for a meaningful day of encouragement and connection. Learn more and register today at <http://conference.onewaupun.com>

Eighth graders! Explore what's next at **Central Wisconsin Christian's High School Preview Day** on Wednesday, March 4! Register online: <https://forms.gle/vSGUtrRVvTfe2HHs5>. Preview Day is an on-campus experience that allows 8th grade students to explore what high school life is like at CWC. Throughout the day, students will have the chance to visit classes, meet teachers, engage with current high school students, join in on worship and check out an interactive Activity Fair designed to showcase the exciting opportunities available to them in high school at CWC. Preview Day will run from 8 AM-12:30 PM. If your child is considering CWC as an option for high school next year, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have questions about Preview Day, please call the CWC Office at **920-324-4233, ext. 324** to speak to Kim Greenfield or email [advancement@wearecwc.org](mailto:advancement@wearecwc.org).

Bethel Church of Brandon has a group of 20 persons going on an **Alaskan Mission Trip June 20-27, 2026**. There will be a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the fellowship hall at 305 W Main St, Brandon, WI. A free will offering will be received to offset some of the expenses for the trip.

On Thursday, March 5, the **Beaver Dam Pizza Ranch** will host a fundraiser for the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County**. The Center receives 10% of all sales as well as all cash tips during the hours of 4-8 PM.

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism  
**Wednesday:** 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study – 6 (Upper Room)  
 6:30 PM Cadets – Snow tubing or trampoline park  
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**  
 Brenda Hofman

**Livestream**  
 Gladys Montsma

**Coffee**  
 Bob and Michelle Mulder

**PPT**  
 Lois Mulder

**Children’s Worship**  
 Grace Bruins, Joy Mulder

**Sound System**  
 Scott Ritzema

**Nursery**  
 Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey Wagner,  
 Noralyn Durni

**Transportation**  
 Bob Mulder

**Ushers**  
 Ben and Jonah Mulder

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O’Donovan (2026)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	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)

**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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**Jesus Messiah**

**Verse 1:** He became sin who knew no sin - That we might become His righteousness - He humbled Himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing love so amazing

**Chorus:** Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names - Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel - The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven – Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

**Verse 2:** His body the bread, His blood the wine - Broken and poured out all for love - The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn

Love so amazing love so amazing

**Bridge:** All our hope is in You - All our hope is in You

All the glory to You God - The Light of the world

**Ending:** Jesus, Messiah - Lord of all

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**Turn Your Eyes**

**Verse 1:** Turn your eyes upon Jesus - Look full in His wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace

**Verse 2:** Turn your eyes to the hillside - Where justice and mercy embrace

There the Son of God gave His life for us

And our measureless debt was erased

**Chorus:** Jesus, to You we lift our eyes – Jesus, our glory and our prize

We adore You, behold You our Savior ever true

Oh, Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

**Verse 3:** Turn your eyes to the morning - And see Christ the lion awake

What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone

For we carry His life in our veins

**Verse 4:** Turn your eyes to the heavens - Our King will return for His own

Every knee will bow every tongue will shout - All glory to Jesus alone

## **O Church Arise**

**Verse 1:** O, church arise and put your armour on - Hear the call of Christ our  
Captain - For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given - With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies - An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

**Verse 2:** Our call to war to love the captive soul - But to rage against the  
captor - And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour - When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure - And Christ will have the prize for which He  
died - An inheritance of nations

**Verse 3:** Come see the cross where love and mercy meet - As the Son of  
God is stricken - Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen - And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave - This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

**Verse 4:** So, Spirit come put strength in every stride - Give grace for every  
hurdle - That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful - As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace - We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## **Wonderful Merciful Savior**

**Verse 1:** Wonderful, merciful Savior - Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb - Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

**Chorus:** You are the One that we praise - You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace - Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

**Verse 2:** Counselor, Comforter, Keeper - Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts - Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

**Verse 3:** Almighty, infinite Father - Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us - Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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## **Sermon Notes**