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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 Kindergarten. 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.

Before and after worship we have catechism classes for students from Middle School through High School, and Sunday School Classes for $1^{st} - 5^{th}$ graders after worship. These classes are designed to help students grow in the biblical faith and to apply their growing faith to day-to-day life.

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 (waupuncrc.com) or our denomination's website (crcna.org).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular and large-print bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.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.

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday Phone: 920-324-2898 email: <u>waupuncrc@gmail.com</u> PO Box 32, Waupun 9:30 AM Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" G510:1-4 *God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Who You Say I Am" "He Knows My Name" Profession of Our Faith: Contemporary Testimony Article 44

Heartbeat International Greetings and Update

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Worship: "Sovereign Over Us" "Turn Your Eyes" Offering for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund Song of Worship: "In You is Gladness" G566

Children ages 3-Kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship *Scripture Reading: Genesis 49:29-33; 50 Message: "Joseph Story #12: God Meant it for Good"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Standing on the Promises" R410:1, 5

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Shine on Us"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Hanna Marra (percussion); Grace Bruins, Kevin Buwalda, Elsa Homan, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Beth Schlieve, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Grace Bruins, Adrianna Schuringa

- Nursery: Hailey Wagner, Jessica Ten Pass, Rynn Aalsma
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

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 the remaining Sundays (Beautiful Response for February), 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. 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:

- Gary Bossenbroeck, recovering at home.
- Ray Hofman, challenges with new tumor and treatments.
- Ken Ten Pas, health.
- Gregg Zonnefeld, continued good health.

I wish to thank the congregation for the prayers, well wishes and cards during my recent health issues. Also thanks to Dan Scheuers and Pastor Greg for their calls. It's so wonderful to belong to the family of God!! - Nancy Wierenga

We have FIVE (note the update) members who have recently or will be getting married in the next few months: Will Bronkhorst & Samantha Schlieve, Jolie Schouten & Brandon Hansen, Kelsey Meyer & Justin Jungers, Arent Venhuizen & Claire DeVries, and Hannah Schuringa & Brady Loerop. Help us celebrate these couples by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the totes by February 16. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 2—Lord's Supper in Worship
- April 18, 6:30 PM—Good Friday worship with Lord's Supper.

Worship Team. Do you play an instrument or sing? The First CRC Worship Team is always looking for more people to get involved in the leading of several songs we sing each worship service. Please contact Pastor Greg if you are interested in participating. You do not have to have been involved on a worship team in the past. Training will be provided.

A heartfelt thank you to all who came out to support our youth group mission trip fundraiser supper Wednesday night! We had a great time and

raised almost \$4,000 for our team. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support.

We have **one-quart bags of carnitas meat** (Mexican pulled pork) leftover from the supper Wednesday night. If you'd like to purchase some for free-will donation, please talk to Jen Vlietstra.

Interested in going on the Belize mission trip? We still have room for you to join our Thirst Missions Belize team if you would like to join us! Please contact Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 or cjvliet@charter.net this week if you're interested.

Mark your calendar! The SWaT Grand's Valentines Supper & BINGO Night is just around the corner, Wednesday, February 12, @ CWC Commons from 6:00-7:30 PM.

The Funeral Committee has two requests:

- They would like to update the list of volunteers who are willing to help as needed. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.
- They are also in need of cool whip or deli containers. If/when you have some, just leave them in the kitchen. Thank you!!

The Camp Calvin Counselor Application window is *open!* Those interested in serving camp can apply online until February 15. Applications and recommendations can be submitted online at www.campcalvin.com. Applicants can expect to hear back March 1.

In your mailbox today you will find a "Share the Love" bag from the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County**. If you would like, please put some needed items in the bag and return it to the Pack n Play by the end of February. If you don't want the bag, please return it to the Pack n Play. Thank you for your support.

Community News

CWC Freshman Class Fundraiser Meal - Feb 11: Please join us for a free-will donation meal on Tuesday, February 11, as the CWC Freshman class serves a meal to raise money for their class events. They will be serving pulled pork and macaroni and cheese, bars, carrots and dip, and lemonade or water. They will be serving from 4:00-6:30 PM. There are basketball games to also enjoy! Let someone else do the cooking!

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast – Due to some conflicts, we have rescheduled our monthly breakfast to Saturday, February 22, at 7:30 AM. Even though this is a new date, we will once again have a great breakfast,

powerful worship and a time of fellowship. Join us at the Main Street Bistro on February 22.

The RCS Auction Committee is seeking all Randolph Christian School

Alumni! We're looking for names and addresses of all former students, families, and faculty of RCS. We're also interested in any school related or generational photos of students and families. Our 2025 auction theme, "Leaving a Legacy," honors the lasting impact of every generation and alumnus. Please send copies of photos, name, address, phone, email and year(s) attended to auction@randolphchristian.org. If you don't have any photos, we'd still love to have your updated addresses and phone numbers. You can also mail them to: Randolph Christian School, Attn: Auction Committee, 457 2nd St., Randolph, WI 53956. Please reply by February 16.

Oakfield High School students are offering a six-week Smart Phone Technology Class starting in February. This class will help you learn more about your IPhone and help decrease social isolation. Class will be held on Thursdays from 1:00-1:50 PM at the Oakfield Community Center, starting Thursday, Feb. 20, through March 27. Call the ADRC of Fond du Lac County (920-929-3466) to register.

<u>Calendar</u>

| Today: | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
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| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School/Catechism |
| | 7:00 PM | Youth Group Small Groups, Holy Habits: |
| | | Meditation @ Bethel |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 AM | Coffee Break @ Bethel |
| | 6:30 PM | Cadets @ The Union |
| | 6:30 PM | GEMS Father/Daughter Game Night @ CWC |
| | 6:30 PM | Elder's Meeting |
| Sunday: | 8:30 AM | 11 th & 12 th Grade Catechism |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |

| Care Group | Elder | Deacon |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Keith Buwalda (2025) | Adam Franken (2027) |
| 2 | Brian O'Donovan (2026) | Tyler Jansen (2025) |
| 3 | Bob Mulder (2025) | Adam Franken (2027) |
| 4 | Mike Vander Berg (2027) | Mitch Vree (2025) |
| 5 | Dan Scheuers (2025) | 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) |

Next Week

Accompanist Cara Schmitt

Coffee Bob and Michelle Mulder

Children's Worship Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman, Olivia Vander Werff

Nursery Lynnae Franken, Aubryn DeJager, Tirzah Ritzema Livestream Gladys Montsma

PPT Ryer Greenfield

Sound System Joe Bresser

Transportation Bob Mulder

Ushers Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1: Who am I that the highest King - Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in – Oh, His love for me – Oh, His love for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free – Oh, is free indeed I'm a child of God – Yes, I am

Verse 2: Free at last - He has ransomed me - His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin - Jesus died for me – Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2: In my Father's house - There's a place for me I'm a child of God – Yes, I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken - I am who You say I am You are for me not against me - I am who You say I am (Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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He Knows My Name

Verse 1: I have a Maker - He formed my heart Before even time began - My life was in His hand

Chorus: He knows my name - He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls - And hears me when I call

Verse 2: I have a Father - He calls me His own He'll never leave me - No matter where I go

Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1: There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears And You meet us in our mourning - With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2: You are working in our waiting - Sanctifying us When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper - You've not forgotten us You're with us in the fire and the flood - Faithful forever perfect in love You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3: You are wisdom unimagined - Who could understand Your ways Reigning high above the heavens - Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4: You're the lifter of the lowly - Compassionate and kind You surround and You uphold me - And Your promises are my delight

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil - You turn it for our good You turn it for our good - And for Your glory Even in the valley You are faithful - You're working for our good You're working for our good - And for Your glory (REPEAT)

Ending: Faithful forever perfect in love - You are sov'reign over us CCLI Song # 6011370 - Aaron Keyes | Bryan Brown | Jack Mooring © 2011 Jack Mooring Music; Meaux Jeaux Music; Thankyou Music; worshiptogether.com songs For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1865451

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 CCLI Song # 7120053 George Romanacce | Helen H. Lemmel | Kevin Winebarger | Nathan Stiff | Nic Trout © 2019 Sovereign Grace Praise; Sovereign Grace Worship

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Shine On Us

Verse 1: Lord let Your light - Light of Your face shine on us Lord let Your light - Light of Your face shine on us That we may be saved - That we may have life To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your light shine on us

Verse 2: Lord let Your grace - Grace from Your hand fall on us Lord let Your grace - Grace from Your hand fall on us That we may be saved - That we may have life To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3: Lord let Your love - Love with no end come over us Lord let Your love - Love with no end come over us That we may be saved - That we may have life To find our way in the darkest night - Let Your love come over us Let Your light shine on us

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Sermon Notes