

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.

Before and after worship we have catechism classes for students from Middle School through High School, and Sunday School Classes for K – 5th 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 (waupunrc.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 (waupunrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Living Waters"

"Lord I Need You"

"Turn Your Eyes"

Preparing to Celebrate the Lord's Supper Next Week G978

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Beautiful Response

Song of Worship: "Take Time to Be Holy" R656

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

*Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-13

Message: "That Old Time Religion #1: Tried and True Practices of the Faith—Prayer as Last Resort?"

Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" R630

*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, Heidi Smits, Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Jake Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Al and LeAnne Holden
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Emily Aalsma, Hailey Bresser

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Olivia Vander Werff
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Owen Mulder

Missionary Letters

J Durant to Neen/Angel*

N Durni 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; Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County for March), 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.



Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Judy Groen**, hip replacement surgery recovery.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, cancer surgery this Thursday.
- **Ray Hofman**, under hospice care at home.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, hospital stay, home now, getting therapy.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, continued good health.

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.

Directory Update: Joan Pluim has a new address: 3 Caddie Court, Waupun.

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.

Interested in going on the Belize mission trip? We'd love to have another adult male join our Thirst Missions Belize team! If you'd like to learn more about the trip, please contact Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 or cjvliet@charter.net to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Youth Group Girls & Guys Night, Wednesday, February 26, from 7:00-8:30. The guys will be meeting at Bethel with guest speaker, Jerad Landheer. Jason & Cara Schmitt will be leading the girls at Silverback Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy. The girls need to bring along a signed waiver to participate. Parents, please check your email for details.

Mark your calendars for our youth group spaghetti supper, Wednesday, March 12.

A laptop computer was found in the large upstairs classroom that we'd like to use for Children's Worship. However, when booted up the user is waupuncrcmusic@gmail.com and we do not have the password. If you know anything about this laptop, please talk to Randall Greenfield.

In your mailbox 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.

We are deeply grateful for your congregation's generous support of **ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International)** through Ministry Shares in 2024. Your faithful contributions and prayers have been instrumental in advancing the Gospel through media. Thank you for partnering with us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, disciple believers, and strengthen the church worldwide.

Community News

The ONE Waupun Annual Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Be sure to mark your calendars! To learn more or to register, you can go to <http://conference.onewaupun.com>.

CWC Sophomore Class Fundraiser Meal - Feb 24: Please join us for a free-will donation meal on Monday, February 24, as the CWC Sophomore class serves a meal to raise money for their class events. The menu is brats & hot dogs (and all the toppings), baked beans, potato chips, baby carrots w/ ranch, and lemonade. They will be serving from 4:00-6:30 PM. There are basketball games to also enjoy! Let someone else do the cooking!

On Thursday, March 6, the Pizza Ranch of Beaver Dam is having a **fundraiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County**. Between 4 and 8 PM, Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of all sales, and ALL the tips will go to PSCDC. Join us in anticipation of daylight-saving time for a great meal any old day of the week.

National Day of Prayer Service – Join the Waupun Minister’s Association and people from our community for this prayer service on Thursday, May 1, 6 PM at Waupun City Hall.

Thursday, April 3, will be a great night to enjoy Noodles & Company in Beaver Dam for your dinner while **supporting Church Health Services**. They will benefit with 25% of qualifying purchases from both online orders and in-house orders placed 4-8 PM. When checking out for online orders, use the code GIVING25!

The Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA) Board invites you to attend our annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday, March 14, 6:00 PM, at Calvary Bible Church-Neenah. Doors open at 5:15. We would like to show our gratitude to you who have served with MASA during EAA. We also WELCOME ALL who have an interest in learning about MASA to attend. Jeremiah & Julie Diedrich of JAARS will be our guest speakers. Please register to attend on our website, oshkoshmasa.org, by Saturday, March 8. If you have any questions, call Nevin Webster @ 920-344-7512.

Calendar

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break @ Bethel
- 6:30 PM Youth Group (see announcement above)
- 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study (upper room)
- 6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study (lower level)
- 6:30 PM Education Committee (sanctuary)
- Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11th & 12th 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)

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM
All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday
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Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship

Jenna Mulder, Taylor Aalsma, Jonah Mulder

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Jenna Schouten

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian O'Donovan, Brad Schouten

Living Waters

Verse 1: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken - Peace unspoken - Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling - Find refreshing - At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down - All the old gone - Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows - With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God - There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore - Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving - Mercy washing - Healing in these living waters
Lead your children - To the shoreline - Life is in these living waters

Verse 4: Are you thirsty - Are you empty - Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness - Vast and boundless - Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure - Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Lord I Need You

Verse 1: Lord, I come I confess - Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart - You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1: Lord I need You oh I need You - Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness - Oh God how I need You

Verse 2: Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are - And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me - Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You - When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You - Jesus You're my hope and stay
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Chorus 2: Lord I need You oh I need You - Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness - Oh God how I need You
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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

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Sermon Notes