

2/5/2023

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

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

PO Box 32, Waupun

9:30 AM Worship Service
* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Glory to God Forever" "Great Are You Lord"
"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" G528

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

*Closing Song: "Majesty" R10

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Team: Craig Slings (worship leader), Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals); Hanna Marra (percussion); Aubryn DeJager, Megan Greenfield, Josie Venhuizen (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Carter Slings, Gregg Zonnefeld
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder

- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Sophia Schuringa, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Aubryn DeJager, Cassidy Ritzema
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

B Hoekstra to Neen*

M 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.

Council Notes

Two church “visitors” from Classis (our regional group of Christian Reformed Churches) attended our elders meeting this past week. We had a good discussion with them about what God is doing at First CRC these days. Church visitation is a practice that goes back to the New Testament church when Paul visited and “strengthened” the early churches (Acts 15:41). This practice has taken on different forms throughout the centuries. In our classis this involves leaders, usually pastors, from two other congregations in Classis Wisconsin who have been assigned to “visit” with the elders or Council of another church to have a discussion about health of the congregation and its leadership, as a way to give encouragement and support if needed. Pastor Greg and Interim Pastor Roger Sparks did a church visitation with another congregation in December and Pastor Greg and a Bethel CRC elder plan to visit another congregation in a couple of weeks.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamphuis, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.
- Eden Homan, praise God that she had successful surgery to have a stunt put in to remove pressure on her brain.
- Pat Loomans and Delores Vande Kolk, as they can no longer worship with us.

Church News

FREE Baby/Kid Sitting on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 5-8 PM. Want to go out for that special Valentine’s Day meal with your sweetheart, or just need time for yourself? Here is the perfect chance. A Life Group is hosting a time of free babysitting with crafts, activities, and an evening meal. Just call Toni Hofman at 920-960-2748 to register.

Church Email List: if you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what’s happening at First Church.

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.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, support, and love as my family and I spent the last few months trying to balance life here in Waupun and back home in Sioux Center with my mom's cancer diagnosis. It was such a comfort to know that while I was spending time with my mom in Iowa; Curt, Cade, and Bryce had all of you helping them juggle life here. Thank you for the outpouring of support, kind words and cards, invites to coffee, flowers, and stopping by my mom, Mary Hoogland's visitation. From the time of her shocking diagnosis in October to her going Home on December 27, Colossians 1:17 has been a comforting reminder that He is in all things and holds all things together and each of you played a small part in that as His hands and feet. So thankful for each of you in the Body of Christ!

- Jen, Curt, Jake, Cade & Bryce Vlietstra

There is a **newsletter/update from the Vlietstras** on the table in narthex.

The SWaT Middle School Youth Group will once again be hosting a Grandparent-Seniors Valentines Supper, on Wednesday, February 8, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the CWC Commons. Please RSVP, by clicking on the Google doc link on our church Facebook page post or contact Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net.

The First/Bethel High School Youth Group is selling flaky, delicious Butter Braids this week!! Orders are due to be turned in at their next meeting, Wednesday, February 8. If you'd like to place an order contact one of our high school students, a youth group leader or Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net.

Community News

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.

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 additional charge. Dinners are \$12 each.

Calendar

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

Wednesday: 6:30 PM Youth Group Chill n Chat at First CRC
6:00 PM SWaT Grand's Valentine's Supper at Bethel CRC

Saturday: 5:00 PM Free Babysitting at church

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM Ben Homan's Life Group meeting at church

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship

Pat Jonker, Avery Slings, Adrianna Schuringa

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Kaytlin Ruis, Olivia Vander Werff

Livestream

Brad Mulder

PPT

Lois Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Ushers

Arent and Neil Venhuizen

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



Group	<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)

Glory To God Forever

Verse 1: Before the world was made - Before You spoke it to be
 You were the King of kings - Yeah You were yeah You were
 And now You're reigning still - Enthroned above all things
 Angels and saints cry out - We join them as we sing

Chorus: (We sing) - Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever
 Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever - (Yeah)

Verse 2: Creator God You gave me breath - So I could praise
 Your great and matchless name - All my days all my days
 So let my whole life be - A blazing offering
 A life that shouts and sings - The greatness of our King

Bridge: Take my life and let it be - All for You and for Your glory
 Take my life and let it be Yours - Take my life and let it be
 All for You and for Your glory - Take my life and let it be Yours

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Great Are You Lord

Verse: You give life You are love - You bring light to the darkness
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken - And great are You
Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs - So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise - It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge: And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing - Great are You Lord

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1: What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer - There is no more for
heaven now to give - He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine - Yet not I but through Christ
in me

Verse 2: The night is dark but I am not forsaken - For by my side the Saviour
he will stay - I labour on in weakness and rejoicing - For in my need his power
is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me - Through the deepest valley he
will lead - Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome - Yet not I but
through Christ in me

Verse 3: No fate I dread I know I am forgiven - The future sure the price it has
been paid - For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon - And he was raised to
overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated - Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free - Yet not I but through Christ
in me

Verse 4: With every breath I long to follow Jesus - For he has said that he will bring me home - And day by day I know he will renew me - Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat - Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending: When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me - Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Sermon Notes