

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 – 12th 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) or our denomination's website (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) 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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "Only a Holy God"

"Prince of Peace (You Are Holy)"

Confession of Sin

*Song of Assurance: "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass" G32:1-3

*Song of Commitment: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" R732

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Message: "Ephesians #21: The Christian Warfare, The Armor of God,
Part III"

Prayer

*Song of Hope: "Living Hope"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Grace Bruins, Tyler Ten Pass, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Cody Van Herwaarden, Brad Mulder
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Lenny Aalsma

- Nursery: Jessica Ten Pass, Aubryn DeJager, Troy Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Noah Mulder

Missionary Letters

P De Vries to Neen/Angel
K Derksen 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 (Heartbeat International for March) 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.



Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, in rehab at the Christian Home.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, doctoring for continued pain.

Our deepest sympathy to Barb Heeringa and the family on Dick Heeringa's passing this past Sunday morning. A funeral service was held at First this past Friday morning.

The Anniversary List sent out last week was a repeat of the February anniversaries. The March Anniversaries are:

- Ken and Elaine Homan, March 6
- Al and LeAnne Holden, March 12
- Brian and Flora Bresser, March 16
- Ben and Emily Mulder, March 24

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 8, Guest Pastor Aaron Baart from Dordt University, New Generation Singers in Worship
- March 15, Guest Pastor, Rev. Tim Vanden Langenberg, Chaplain at Dodge Correctional Institution
- March 22, Baptism
- March 29, Palm Sunday, Children singing
- April 3, Good Friday Worship with Lord's Supper, 6:30 PM
- April 5, Easter Sunday

Attention all potential choir members! We are hoping to have a choir for our services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There will be practice on March 8, 15, and 29, with a brief practice Easter Sunday morning.

Bible Reading Plan for Lent (Wednesday, February 18 – Easter Sunday).

The reading plan is available online under the "Bulletin" tab if you'd like to still join in with others who already have.

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.

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.

Blood Drive: Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood and or platelets. There is a critical need for blood from all blood types. Please consider donating blood today! Central Wisconsin Christian is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, March 5**, from 10 AM to 4 PM at **Bethel CRC in Waupun**.

CWC Elementary Musical: The elementary students of CWC are busily preparing their annual spring musical to be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM** in the Crusader Centre and we would love for all of you to join us. This year we will be performing "Esther" by Erik Whitehill. A story of faith, courage, corruption and justice. The setting is the Citadel of Susa, a capital of the Persian Empire. Please enter at door 8 (East) OR door 11 (South). An offering will be taken to help the music department.

8th Grade Play: Our 8th grade students of CWC are busy preparing their play to be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:30 PM** in the Crusader

Centre and we would love for all of you to join us. The play is called "Too Many Detectives" by Ian McWethy.

The Randolph Community Choir will present their Easter Cantata, "**Echoes of Easter, the Hope of the Cross**" at Randolph First Reformed Church on Palm Sunday evening, March 29, at 6 PM and at Bethel CRC on Easter Sunday evening, April 5, at 7 PM.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
4:27 PM Youth Group

Wednesday: 6:30 PM Cadets at The Union
6:30 PM GEMS – Pajama Night at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Elders Meeting (Upper Room)

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

Children's Worship

Stacy Schaver, Jenna Schouten

Nursery

Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Heidi Schaver

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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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)

Only a Holy God

Verse 1: Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Who else could make every king bow down

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles - Only a Holy God

Verse 2: What other beauty demands such praises

What other splendour outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice - Only a Holy God

Chorus: Come and behold Him - The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy - Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3: What other glory consumes like fire

What other power can raise the dead

What other name remains undefeated - Only a Holy God

Verse 4: Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son - Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God - Only my Holy God

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You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

Verse: You are holy (You are holy) - You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy) - Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) - I will listen (I will listen)

I will love You (I will love You) - All of my days (all of my days)

Chorus 1: I will sing to and worship- The King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him

And I will sing to and worship - The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Chorus 2: You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Ending: You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

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Living Hope

Verse 1: How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb - In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul - The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2: Who could imagine so great a mercy

What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame - The cross has spoken I am forgiven

The King of kings calls me His own - Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah. praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah. death has lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3: Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe - Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope – Oh, God, You are my living hope

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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Sermon Notes