

3/12/2023

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 (Hymn Suite #1: *Dearest Jesus at Your Word, Santo Santo Santo, Ash Grove* by Charles Dibly)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: "Now with Joyful Exultation" G95:1-3

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Cornerstone" "Living Hope"
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Profession of Our Faith: Nicene Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Dodge County Pregnancy Support

Offertory: *Klezmer Suite* by Coen Wolfgram

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship while we sing

*Scripture: Ephesians 1:16-21

Message: "Praying Big #4: Digging Deeper in Prayer with Hope"
Prayer

*Song of Response: "The Solid Rock" R526:1, 2, 4

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Benediction"

*Postlude: *Entrance of the Queen of Sheba* from *Solomon* by Frederick Handel, transcribed by Kenneth Abeling

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa;
Cara Schmitt (piano and vocals);
Nikki Durni (guitar and vocals); Kim
Greenfield, Megan Greenfield, Pete
Vander Werff (vocalists)
- Dordt University Ensembles
 - Prelude: Anders Kolbrek (piano),
Julia Holleman (flute), Annika
Rynders (saxophone)
 - Offertory: Courtney Joiner,
Kirsten Buiters, Klara Blacker,
Molly Galema (clarinet); Nia
Hoekstra (bass clarinet)
 - Postlude: Sierra Meyer, Brody
Joens, Breanna Ten Pass, Annika
Rynders (saxophone)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass,
Cassidy Ritzema, Gregg Zonnefeld
- Coffee: Gregg and Kristi
Zonnefeld
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie
Mulder, Sophia Schuringa, Kolten
Buwalda

- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Elise Ritzema, Jenna Schouten
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

S Homan to Neen
 B Huizenga 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 (Dodge County Pregnancy Support for the rest of March), 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.

January and February Giving Reports

	January	February	Year-to-Date
General Fund	25,595	42,993	246,217
Classis	645	405	4,290
Denomination	840	585	5,505
Building Fund	1,210	440	8,630
Faith Promise Fund	685	2,779	8,209
Youth Ministry Fund	10	20	2,035
Benevolent Fund	655	831	7,156
January Monthly Cause			
Heartbeat International	14,696		
February Monthly Cause			
Beautiful Response		1,323	
Total	44,336	49,376	282,042

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Harold Greenfield and Kathy Kamphuis, both dealing with cancer.
- Eden Homan, home from the hospital again this past Wednesday.
- Larry Pluim, in hospice care.
- Laura Ten Pass, recently began more chemotherapy treatments.

I would like to thank everyone for my birthday wishes. It’s so great to have such a great church family. - Thanks, Dorothy Schouten

Church News

Today we welcome to worship the Dordt University Wind Symphony directed by Dr. Onsby Rose. We're excited to have several ensembles from the symphony participating in our worship service this morning.

New Sermon Series: Praying Big. As we continue in our Lenten sermon series on prayer, you can prepare for next Sunday's sermon by reading Chapter 5 of *Pray Big: Learn to Pray Like an Apostle* by Alistair Begg.

Wednesday afternoon women's Bible Study will meet at noon in the church basement for a salad luncheon. Study of lessons 11 and 12 to follow.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons will be discussed at the March 15 Council meeting. If you want to nominate someone, please talk to an elder or deacon today.

Attention choir singers: The choir will be singing for Easter with practices starting in March. The choir will meet after the worship service TODAY and on March 19 and April 2. Please join us if you love singing! New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, contact Cara Schmitt.

Enjoy a family friendly night out and mark your calendars now for the high school youth group spaghetti supper, Wednesday, March 22, from 5:30-7:00 at Bethel! Join us and help support this ministry of encouragement.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7, at 6 PM for a Prayer and Praise Service at First CRC. We plan to have a hymn sing and also a time of prayer together, in light of the National Day of Prayer a few days before on May 4. Different church members will lead us in prayer for our Church, our Community, our Nation, and our World. Right now there is availability for someone to lead us in prayer for our World. If you would like to do this, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa so we can talk about what that might look like. Thank you!!

Classis Wisconsin is meeting on Tuesday at Living Hope Community Church in Fox Lake. Our delegates are Pastor Schuringa, Elder Bob Mulder, and Deacon Tyler Ten Pass.

Community News

No Connections Breakfast – Because of the annual men's conference earlier this month, there will be no Connections Breakfast in March.

Crops, Livestock, & Industry Prayer Service – Join us at Alto Reformed Church (N3697 County Road EE, Waupun) tonight at 7 PM as the youth lead us in a time of prayer and worship.

In the midst of cold weather and snowstorms, the 3K – 5th grade students of Central Wisconsin Christian are busy preparing their annual spring musical. This year we will be performing “**Heroes of the Faith**” by Hal Leonard. We hope you will be able to join us on Friday March 17. There will be two performances; the first begins at 9:00 AM and the evening performance begins at 6:30 PM. Both performances will be held in Crusader Centre. A free-will offering will also be taken at both performances.

Waiting in line? Waiting your turn? You don't have time! Here's a comedy in six scenes for those who are time-challenged. The 8th Grade class at Central Wisconsin Christian presents 'Hurry Up and Wait' by Burton Bumgarner on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 PM.

Randolph Christian School Picture Request - Do you have pictures from your farm that you would be willing to have displayed at the RCS Spring Auction? The auction's theme this year is “Preparing God's Field” in which we recognize teaching how God's hand is in all things, especially in the Randolph and surrounding areas, with His blessings in farm life. The day of the auction, RCS would like to show 8x10 and 5x7 pictures of past and current barns, tractors and other equipment, farm animals, gardens, etc. Photocopies of pictures may be turned in at the office (no originals please), or digital pictures may be sent to office@randolphchristian.org. Please have them turned in by Friday, April 7 (Auction is April 15).

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Choir Practice

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in the basement
6:30 PM GEMS at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Council Meeting
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study in the Upper Room

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th and 12th Grade Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

Coffee

Kim Greenfield

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children's Worship

Becca Vree, Avery Slings, Jonah Mulder

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Nursery

Casey Homan, Aubryn DeJager, Kase
Buwalda

Ushers

Arent and Neil Venhuizen

<u>Group</u>	<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)

Cornerstone

Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less - Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness - I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone - Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord - Lord of all

Verse 2: When darkness seems to hide His face - I rest on His unchanging
grace - In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil - My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude: He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3: When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found - Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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 - Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending: Jesus Christ my living hope - Oh God You are my living hope

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Benediction

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father - And the grace of Christ
the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign - From the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n - We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding - And this grace which
makes us what we are - And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Sermon Notes