

# First Christian Reformed Church



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## 9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

\*Songs of Worship: "Christ is Mine Forevermore" "Behold Our God"  
"Be Still, for the Presence"

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart.**

Send out your light, send out your truth,

**and let them lead us to our home.**

Take from us the weight of our sin,

**that room might be made for the spirit of truth.**

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,

**and the truth will set our spirits free.**

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;

then shall we love in deed and in truth,

**and by this know that our service is faithful.**

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.**

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Assurance of Pardon:

\*Song of Assurance: "In Christ Alone"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Heartbeat International

\*Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"

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

\*Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:3 (ESV)

Message: "The Necessity of Engaging in Spiritual Warfare"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Victory in Jesus" R353

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "They'll Know We Are Christians" R429:4

\*Postlude

### **Taking part in worship today:**

- Sermon: Rev. Dr. Tim Vanden Langenberg, Chaplain at Dodge Correctional Institution
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Leaders: Grace Bruins, Neil Venhuizen
- Congregational Prayer: Kevin Buwalda
- Coffee: Kristi Zonnefeld
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Beth Schlieve, Rachel Hoffman
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Heidi Schaver
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Lynnae Franken, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Brad Schouten

### **Missionary Letters**

A Franken to Neen/Angel  
H Ganz 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:**

- **Glen Greenfield**, recovery from surgery.
- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, home after a hospital stay, continued doctoring.

**Our deepest sympathy to Gardie TenPas** and the family on Ken TenPas's passing last Saturday. A funeral service was held at First this past Tuesday. Leftover cake and ice cream from the funeral will be available in the narthex after the service.

**The family of Dick Heeringa** would like to express their gratitude for all your expressions of kindness during Dick's lengthy illness and passing. We were overwhelmed with the loving expressions of genuine care and concern from our community and church family. Also, a special thanks to Pastor Greg and Darrell Schaver for the visits and guidance during this time. We are blessed to be part of this Christian church and community.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- March 22, Baptism, **No Sunday School**
- March 29, Palm Sunday, Children singing
- April 3, Good Friday Worship with Lord's Supper, 6:30 PM
- April 5, Easter Sunday

**Attention choir members!** We are hoping to have a choir for our services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There will be practice TODAY after the morning service, and again on March 29, plus a brief practice Easter Sunday morning.

**Church members that park on West Jefferson Street** are asked to allow a minimum of 4 feet between their vehicle and our neighbors' driveways. This is state law and tickets can be issued. We will be looking into having these areas painted when it warms up.

**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**

As we recently gathered for the ONE Conference on March 7, please note that we will **not hold a ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast in March**. We're looking forward to gathering again for our next Connections Breakfast on April 11 — we hope you'll join us!

**Community Prayer Service** – You're invited to Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun) TONIGHT at 7 PM for a special evening of prayer and worship. As we gather as a community, we'll seek God together,

lift up our church, community, and world in prayer, and draw closer to Him. We hope you'll come and be part of this meaningful time.

**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 CWC boys soccer and girls volleyball** teams are taking a mission trip to Dominican Republic. You can support this trip by purchasing a spirit blanket. The deadline for ordering is March 20. Blankets will be delivered to school. Go to <https://givebutter.com/cwc-dr-trip-fleece-blankets-j03vro> to order.

**Randolph Community Choir presents *Echoes of Easter, The Hope of the Cross*.** Join us for music and narration celebrating Jesus' work on Sunday, March 29, at 6 PM at Randolph First Reformed Church, 406 S. High Street, Randolph. A free-will offering will support local food pantries, and refreshments will be served after. A second performance is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, at 7 PM at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Waupun.

**AUCTION - April 11:** Join us for a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship at the Randolph Christian School Auction, "Stars & Wonders". Dinner and Silent Auction beginning at 4:30 with Live Auction at 7:00. For a complete list of items or for more information visit [www.randolphchristian.org/auction](http://www.randolphchristian.org/auction). Thank you for supporting Christian education!

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
	4:27 PM	Youth Group
<b>Wednesday:</b>	5:30 AM	Deacons Meeting
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (lower level)
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ The Union
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

### **Coffee**

Curt and Judy Groen

### **Children's Worship**

Jen Ritzema, Tirzah Ritzema

### **Nursery**

Hailey Bresser, Becca Vree, Joy

Mulder

### **Livestream**

Randall Greenfield

### **PPT**

Jake Van Herwaarden

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

## **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

**Verse 1:** Mine are days that God has numbered - I was made to walk with Him - Yet I look for worldly treasure - And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer - Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing - I am His forevermore

**Verse 2:** Mine are tears in times of sorrow - Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel - Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven - And the strength in times of need - I know my pain will not be wasted - Christ completes His work in me

**Verse 3:** Mine are days here as a stranger - Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter - Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armour for this battle - Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver - Safely to the golden shore

**Chorus 4:** And mine are keys to Zion city - Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure - Christ is mine forevermore

**Bridge:** Come, rejoice now O my soul - For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure - Christ is mine forevermore

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## **Behold Our God**

**Verse 1:** Who has held the oceans in His hands - Who has numbered every grain of sand - Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

**Chorus:** Behold our God seated on His throne - Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare - Come let us adore Him

**Verse 2:** Who has given counsel to the Lord - Who can question any of His words - Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

**Verse 3:** Who has felt the nails upon His hands - Bearing all the guilt of sinful man - God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

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## **Be Still**

**Verse 1:** Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now - With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found - We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here

**Verse 2:** Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire - With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight - Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around

**Verse 3:** Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal - To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him - In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place

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## **In Christ Alone**

**Verse 1:** In Christ alone my hope is found - He is my light my strength my song - This Cornerstone this solid Ground - Firm through the fiercest drought and storm - What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All - Here in the love of Christ I stand

**Verse 2:** In Christ alone who took on flesh - Fullness of God in helpless babe - This gift of love and righteousness - Scorned by the ones He came to save - Till on that cross as Jesus died - The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid - Here in the death of Christ I live

**Verse 3:** There in the ground His body lay - Light of the world by darkness slain - Then bursting forth in glorious Day - Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory - Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ

**Verse 4:** No guilt in life no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath - Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man - Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home - Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **Speak O Lord**

**Verse 1:** Speak O Lord as we come to You - To receive the food of Your holy word - Take Your truth plant it deep in us - Shape and fashion us in Your likeness - That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith - Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

**Verse 2:** Teach us Lord full obedience - Holy reverence true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes - In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise - Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority - Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

**Verse 3:** Speak O Lord and renew our minds - Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us - Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity - And by grace we'll stand on Your promises - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak O Lord till Your church is built - And the earth is filled with Your glory

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## Monthly Ministry Report (February) - Philippines

Greetings!

We praise God for His protection and provision! We recently spent a meaningful time in the prisons with the men, studying the Bible together. God has been so gracious, and we pray they will continue to hunger for His Word. Please keep them in your prayers for their situation and that their hearts will fully trust the Lord as they wait for their sentences.

We also visited victims of a typhoon, floods and volcanic eruptions in a village in La Castellana Negros Occidental. The community is close to the volcano that has been erupting periodically since last year.

The area was almost completely washed out. Many houses and bridges were destroyed by flood water last December. We crossed an improvised bridge built by the villagers themselves to gain temporary access. They have lost their homes and belongings and are in great need. They were deeply grateful for the food we shared. And we also shared Jesus by praying with them.

Thank you for your support, which made it possible for us to help these suffering brothers and sisters. The journey to reach them was long, but we thank the Lord for protecting us and giving us the strength to arrive safely. We will send pictures of the visit.

Times are even harder now as the conflict between Iran and Israel has affected us here. Gasoline prices have risen sharply, making transportation more expensive, and the cost of other necessities will follow. We know many nations are impacted by this war. We pray that the Lord will bring peace as a mediator between the countries. We pray also that the Lord will keep you safe always.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for us and the ministry. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

In Christ, Neen and Angel

Thought for this month: Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

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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)

## 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)).

## Sermon Notes