

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

*Song of Praise: "He is Exalted" R36

*Song of Confession: "O Come to the Altar"

*Song of Assurance: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

*Song of Commitment: "I Will Delight"

Congregational Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed

Offering for the Local Budget and Pregnancy Support Center of
Dodge County

Song of Worship: "We Give You But Your Own" G296

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

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "That Old Time Religion #4: Tried and True Practices of the
Faith—Fundamentals of Christian Stewardship"

Prayer

*Song of Dedication: "Take My Life That It May Be" G288:1-4

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Take My Life That It May Be" G288:5-6

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kim Greenfield, Michelle Mulder, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Ryer Greenfield, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Grace Bruins, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Hailey Bresser, Emily Mulder, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben Mulder Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

R Greenfield to Neen/Angel

T Greenfield 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 (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:

- **Josie Buiter**, young granddaughter of Steve and Heidi Smits, heart valve repair in Boston this coming Friday, March 21.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, another surgery for cancer in the near future.
- **Ray Hofman**, under hospice care at home.
- **Bruce Huizenga**, sympathy on his brother Clyde's recent passing in California.
- **Sympathy to Lois Mulder and John DeJager** and family, on the passing of Gert Mulder, Lois' mother and John's sister. Funeral services were held on Saturday.
- **Shirley Otto**, broken ankle recovery.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- **Bob West**, sympathy on his brother David's recent passing.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, biopsy of original brain tumor site to see if there is regrowth. Go to Caringbridge.org to get health updates from Gregg & Kristi and give encouragement.

Meal Train. If you have a need for meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby (or want to make sure someone else gets some meals), please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. A Meal Train will get set up for you, where church members can prepare meals for you and your household, whether daily for a while, or even a couple times a week—whatever is most helpful for you.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 23—Guest pastor
- March 30—Guest pastor
- April 13—Palm Sunday, with Children singing

- April 18, 6:30 PM—Good Friday worship with Lord's Supper with Men's Chorus
- April 20—Easter, with choir
- April 27—GEMS Sunday
- May 1—Waupun Ministers' Association National Day of Prayer Service at City Hall, 6 PM
- May 4 AM—Central Wisconsin Christian New Generation Singers in worship
- May 4 PM—Prayer and Praise Service, 6 PM

There will be no Sunday School or Catechism on March 23 and 30 due to Spring Break!

Based on a request to the elders for another profession of faith class in the near future, the elders are going to hold a class this summer. Pastor Greg will be doing the scheduling, so please reach out to him if you'd like to participate.

At Tuesday's Council meeting, the Council will be considering nominees for elder and deacon for the church year starting July 2025. If any church member has a nominee recommendation, please talk to Bob Mulder, Council Clerk.

Anyone interested in having an afternoon Bible study this spring please meet in front of church for a brief discussion or contact Susan Buwalda today, 920-324-3929.

Worship Team. The First CRC Worship Team is always looking for more people to get involved in leading the several songs we sing each worship service. Please contact Pastor Greg if you are interested in participating, whether with your voice or instrument or both!

A big thank you to everyone who came out for a night of food and fellowship and supported our Bethel/First Youth Group at the Spaghetti Fundraiser Supper on Wednesday night! We served almost 200 people and raised over \$2500!

Looking for a little help with spring cleaning or yard projects? The Belize Mission Team students would love to help you! Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM they will be doing a Work-a-Thon Fundraiser to help pay for their summer mission trip. To reserve a pair of students for two hours, please reach out to Jen Vlietstra at 507-227-1859 or cjvliet@charter.net.

The Belize Mission Team students are raising funds not only to help pay for their trip but to bless the people of Corozal, Belize and New Jerusalem Church they will be serving. To do that, we are selling "Go Tell It" Isaiah 52:7 insulated 20 oz tumblers, 32 oz water bottles, hats, and t-shirts. If you're interested in ordering, please contact Jen Vlietstra, one of the team members

going to Belize, or you can see our table set up by the mission trip board at Bethel for details, to see a demo tumbler and sign up.

Community News

The 8th Graders of Central Wisconsin Christian Present: 'Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Got Them Wong) by Ed Monk on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 PM. "It's Dad's turn to tell his three rambunctious kids their bedtime stories, but when he gets fuzzy on the details, the classics get creative: a prince with a snoring problem spices up The Princess and The Pea, The Boy Who Cried Wolf cries dinosaur instead, and Rumpelstiltskin helps turn all that pesky gold into straw. You may think you know your fairy tales, but not the way Dad tells them!" You don't want to miss this night of fun! A free will donation will be taken to help off-set the cost of the production.

Alto Reformed Church Men's Chorus Program - You're invited to attend the Men's Chorus Program on Sunday, April 6, at 7 PM at Alto Reformed Church, N3697 County Road EE, Waupun.

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!

Connections Breakfast: Just a reminder that we will not be hosting a ONE Waupun Breakfast in March because of the work we are putting into the conference. The April Breakfast is scheduled for April 12.

Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County are partnering for a Dining Day on Monday, April 14, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC.

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Fond du Lac County has some events coming up:

- **Our Aging Advocacy Day Meet & Greet** – Aging Advocacy Day, is your chance to share your story with state legislators about issues affecting older adults and caregivers in Wisconsin. The Meet & Greet Events (April 10 and 11) are where you can learn more about Aging

Advocacy Day or request transportation to Madison for Aging Advocacy Day. See the flyer on the table in the narthex to learn more about it.

- **Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC)** is a 6-week class created to help anyone who is a caregiver take care of themselves while taking care of others. Starting May 1, the class will be held Thursdays from 5-6:30 PM at the Waupun Community Center. To register call ADRC of Fond du Lac County, 920-929-3466.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Small Groups @ Bethel
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (lower level)
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	6:30 PM	Cadets Pinewood Derby Night
	6:30 PM	GEMS Club Night
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th & 12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children's Worship

Stacy Schaver, Rachel Hoffman,
Ellie Mulder

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery

Casey Homan, Hollie Ganz, Morgan
Buwalda

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, Tom Jonker

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

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)

O Come To The Altar

Verse 1: Are you hurting and broken within - Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin - Jesus is calling - Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well - Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar - The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with - The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2: Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait - Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born - Jesus is calling

Bridge: Oh what a Savior - Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen - Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all - Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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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I Will Delight

Verse: I will delight in the law of the Lord - I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be - Grounded in Your Word

Chorus: Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord - Blessed is the one

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Sermon Notes