

3/17/2024

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 YouTube (First CRC Waupun) and view the bulletin on our website: 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

Call to Worship: "All Who Are Thirsty"

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "By Faith" "How Can I Keep from Singing"
"Holy Forever"

Confession and Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Dodge County Pregnancy Center

Song of Worship: "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God" G551

Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship

*Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4:8

Message: "Faith Practices for Spiritual Renewal #4: Godliness
(Strengthening our Inner Person)"

Prayer

*Song of Devotion: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" G547

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "To God Be the Glory" G632

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Hanna Marra (percussion); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Hollie Ganz (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Cassidy Ritzema, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Sophia Schuringa, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Phylcia Coda, Emily Mulder, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

G Hofman to Neen

P 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 Faith Promise Fund the first Sunday and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (Dodge County Pregnancy Center for 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 scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.



Update on the Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Project: \$74,937.79 (94%) raised of estimated \$80,000.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Kathy Kamphuis**, cancer treatments.
- **Pat Loomans**, hip fracture recovery next steps after therapy at the Christian Home.
- **Dewey Pausma**, very tough week, continued heart challenges with surgery recovery.
- **Laura Ten Pass**, new treatments starting March 18, severe leg pain from a lymph node pressing on a nerve.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, surgery recovery and treatment plan.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 24: Palm Sunday; no Sunday School or Catechism.
- March 28, Thursday, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service including Lord's Supper in worship.
- March 31: Easter Sunday, with choir; no Sunday School or Catechism.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons will happen at the March 20 Council meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please talk to an elder or deacon.

The Heytsi Ministry (Ukraine) Letter for Spring 2024 is available on the table in the narthex.

On behalf of the Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center we would like to thank you for the generosity of your congregation. Your recent Baby Bottle fund raiser raised almost \$4,000! Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Choir! Men and Women, Young and Old and in between, please join in First CRC's Easter Choir. Rehearsals will be shortly after worship today and next Sunday in the church sanctuary.

Ladies afternoon Bible Study will begin this Wednesday at 1:00 in the Upper Room. We are beginning our study on The Power of Forgiveness. We do have a couple of study guides available, contact Sue if you are interested.

If you are interested in membership at First CRC, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

If you are interested in profession of faith, please contact Scott Ritzema.

Did you know that we have an exciting summer SERVE trip planned for our high school youth group students? This summer, July 27 through August 3, we will have 19 students and 4 adults traveling to the Greater Minneapolis/Saint Paul area on SERVE and blessing the community with the love of Christ. But we cannot do it without you! We need one more woman and two men to join us as youth leaders for the week. If you're interested, please reach out to Jen Vlietstra, Noah Mulder, or Bryant Greenfield THIS WEEK! Registration is due April 1. We will also be hosting another fundraiser after spring break to help the students and families pay for the trip. Fundraising details coming soon!

Please mark your calendars for our annual high school youth group spaghetti supper, Wednesday, April 24, serving from 5:30-7:00 PM or until we run out of food!

Camp Calvin 2024 registration opens on March 20! Camp Calvin is a Christian overnight summer camp for youth entering 4th-9th grades. Camp Calvin will be held June 16-21, 2024, at Spencer Lake in Waupaca, WI. For more information, photos, questions, or to register, please visit www.CampCalvin.com.

Community News

CWC 8th Grade Play: Picture yourself in your own Family Album with this incredibly funny, sometimes touching, always entertaining play. The 8th Grade class at Central Wisconsin Christian presents "Family Album" by Rob Frankel on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 PM.

Pella Lutheran in Waupun is having a **Mercy Meals packing event** on Saturday, March 23, from 9 to 3. Assemble nutritious oatmeal-based meal

packets to be distributed to Ukraine and other parts of the world where there is a need. Volunteers work in assembly-line fashion to pack as many meals as possible. Everyone is welcome to help, for an hour or two, or the whole time. A lunch will be provided.

Calendar

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
 6:30 PM GEMS Club Night at Bethel CRC
 6:30 PM Cadets at The Union
 6:30 PM Council Meeting (Lower Level)
 7:00 PM Youth Group (TBD)
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children’s Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa, Morgan Buwalda

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Nursery

Casey Homan, Aubryn DeJager, Troy Hoffman

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

All Who Are Thirsty

Verse: All who are thirsty - All who are weak - Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life - Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away - In the waves of His mercy - As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1: Come Lord Jesus come - Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)

Chorus 2: Holy Spirit come - Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)

Interlude: As deep cries out to deep - As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

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By Faith

Verse 1: By faith we see the hand of God - In the light of creation's grand
design - In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2: By faith our fathers roamed the earth - With the pow'r of His promise
in their hearts - Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise - We will fix our eyes on
Him our soul's reward - Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3: By faith the prophets saw a day - When the longed-for Messiah
would appear - With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4: By faith the church was called to go - In the pow'r of the Spirit to the
lost - To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5: By faith the mountain shall be moved - And the pow'r of the gospel
shall prevail - For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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How Can I Keep from Singing

Verse 1: There is an endless song - Echoes in my soul - I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come - I am holding on - To the rock I cling

Chorus: How can I keep from singing Your praise - How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love - How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King - And it makes my heart (want to sing)

Verse 2: I will lift my eyes - In the darkest night - For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You - Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Ending: I am loved by the King - And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King - And it makes my heart want to sing - Yeah I can sing

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Holy Forever

Verse 1: A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb - And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe - Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest - Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all - All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions - Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy - All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy - Holy forever

Verse 2: If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb - If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb - We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy - To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Tag: You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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Sermon Notes