

# First Christian Reformed Church



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 ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.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.

**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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## 9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"  
"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Institution and Meaning of Baptism

Baptism of Colter Noah Mulder

\*Song of Worship: "You Are Our God, We Are Your People" G272

Congregational Prayer

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

Offerings for the Local Budget and Heartbeat International

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

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:13-17

Message: "The Christian Warfare, Part IV: Our Most Excellent Weapon"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "O Church Arise"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "We Will Glorify" R104:1, 4

\*Postlude

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

- Sermon and Worship Leader:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Coffee: Curt and Judy Groen
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Jake Van Herwaarden, Randall Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Jen and Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Hailey Bresser, Becca Vree, Joy Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

### **Missionary Letters**

C Greenfield to Neen/Angel\*

G 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 (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.



	February	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD	% of YTD Budget
General	\$20,897.93	\$258,023.50	\$269,252.33	95.82%
Most Needed	\$3,502.50	\$42,509.00	N/A	N/A
Faith Promise	\$1,115.56	\$12,721.17	\$10,400.00	122.00%
Classical	\$479.64	\$11,531.26	\$17,333.33	66.50%
Denominational	\$859.68	\$12,233.70	\$17,333.33	70.57%
Benevolent	\$1,515.00	\$14,556.67	N/A	N/A
Total*	\$28,370.31	\$351,575.30	N/A	N/A

\*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

## Our Family

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Glen Greenfield**, continued surgery recovery.
- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, continued doctoring.

**Our deepest sympathy to Gardie TenPas** and the family on Ken TenPas's passing. A funeral service was held at First last week Tuesday.

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

- April 12, Guest Pastor Matt Hofman (Pastor Greg preaching and leading Lord's Supper at Covenant CRC, Appleton, Classical Assignment)
- April 19, Guest Pastor Rev. Jason Ruis, Bible Teacher and Chaplain at Central Wisconsin Christian
- May 3, 6 PM, Praise and Prayer Service

**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.

There is **NO Sunday School or Catechism** today due to spring break.

**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.

### **Upcoming Prayer Services Related to the National Day of Prayer**

- The Waupun Area Christian Ministers Association will once again be hosting a community prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, at 6 PM at the Waupun Community Center. You are welcome to gather with others in our community!
- Like we often have on a Sunday evening near the National Day of Prayer, First CRC will be having a Prayer & Praise service on May 3 at 6 PM.

### **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!

**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

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism  
11:00 AM Choir Practice  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

### Next Week

#### **Accompanist**

Marlyce Mulder

#### **Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

#### **Coffee**

Randall and Kim Greenfield

#### **PPT**

Beth Schlieve

#### **Children's Worship**

Mackenzie Mulder, Adrianna Schuringa

#### **Sound System**

Cayden Ruis

#### **Nursery**

Hollie Ganz, Emily Aalsma, Morgan Buwalda

#### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

#### **Ushers**

Ben and Jonah Mulder

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

**Verse 1:** Amazing grace how sweet the sound - That saved a wretch like me - I once was lost but now I'm found - Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2:** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear - And grace my fears relieved - How precious did that grace appear - The hour I first believed

**Chorus:** My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains - Unending love amazing grace

**Verse 3:** The Lord has promised good to me - His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be - As long as life endures

**Verse 4:** The earth shall soon dissolve like snow - The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below - Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine - You are forever mine

## **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

**Verse 1:** What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer - There is no more for  
heaven now to give - He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 2:** The night is dark but I am not forsaken - For by my side the  
Saviour he will stay - I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed - To this I hold my Shepherd will  
defend me - Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 3:** No fate I dread I know I am forgiven - The future sure the price it  
has been paid - For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave - To this I hold my sin has been  
defeated - Jesus now and ever is my plea - Oh the chains are released I can  
sing I am free - Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 4:** With every breath I long to follow Jesus - For he has said that he  
will bring me home - And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne - To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him - When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat - Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Ending:** When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me - Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## **O Church Arise**

**Verse 1:** O church arise and put your armour on - Hear the call of Christ our  
Captain - For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given - With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies - An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

**Verse 2:** Our call to war to love the captive soul - But to rage against the  
captor - And with the sword that makes the wounded whole

We will fight with faith and valour - When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure - And Christ will have the prize for which He  
died - An inheritance of nations

**Verse 3:** Come see the cross where love and mercy meet - As the Son of  
God is stricken - Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen - And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave - This victory march continues till the  
day - Every eye and heart shall see Him

**Verse 4:** So Spirit come put strength in every stride - Give grace for every  
hurdle - That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful - As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace - We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## Sermon Notes

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)).