

3/5/2023

# 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

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**PO Box 32, Waupun**

9:30 AM Worship Service

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: "Come, Thou Almighty King" G246  
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

\*Songs of Confession and Assurance:

"O Come to the Altar" "Goodness of God"

Profession of Our Faith: Lord's Day 45

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Faith Promise

Song of Worship: "Thy Word" R184

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

\*Scripture: Ephesians 1:16-21

Message: "Praying Big #3: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" R562:1, 2, 4

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "The Blessing"

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Congregational Prayer and  
Scripture: Laura Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Schuringa;  
Matt Bulthuis (guitar); Hanna  
Marra (percussion); Rachel  
Hoffman, Josie Venhuizen, Kristi  
Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Beth  
Schlieve, Gladys Montsma

- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander  
Berg
- Children's Worship: Kim Greenfield,  
Cassidy Ritzema, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten  
Pass, Taylor Hoffman
- Ushers: Gene Hofman, Brian  
O'Donovan

**Missionary Letters**

K Homan to Neen\*

P Homan 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 (Faith Promise today; 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.

## **Our Family**

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

- Harold Greenfield and Kathy Kamphuis, both dealing with cancer.
- Eden Homan, hospitalization this past week.
- Larry Pluim, recently started hospice care.
- Laura Ten Pass, new round of chemotherapy treatments to start on Tuesday.
- Pat Loomans and Delores Vande Kolk, as they are unable to worship with us.

**Congratulations to Nathan and Phylicia Coda** on the birth of a son, Cole Robert Coda last week Monday.

## **Church News**

**New Sermon Series: Praying Big.** Today we continue the sermon series on prayer, following along with a little book called Pray Big: Learn to Pray Like an Apostle by Alistair Begg. This series will take us through the season of Lent. If you want to go deeper either personally or with a group, please read chapter 4 for next Sunday.

**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.

**Next Sunday we welcome an ensemble from the Dordt Wind Symphony** to participate in our worship service and we welcome the entire Wind Symphony who will be attending worship with us at First.

**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 the following Sundays: March 12, and 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.

**“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,** for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—” Please keep the youth ministries in your prayers as we strive to wrap up this year and finish strong and prepare for next year. With the blessing of ministry growth comes growing pains and we’re in need of your prayers and encouragement as we strive to figure out how to best honor God and the baptismal covenant we made with Him, serve the kids, and encourage their faith walk for growth in the current youth ministry programs.

## **Community News**

**Crops, Livestock, & Industry Prayer Service** – Join us at Alto Reformed Church (N3697 County Road EE, Waupun) on Sunday, March 12, 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.

**Central Wisconsin Christian** will be holding their next blood drive on March 9, 10 AM – 4 PM in the Centre. If you sign up online and give in March, you'll receive a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses! You could be one of five lucky winners. Lend an arm; we'll lend a hand. Terms apply: [rcblood.org/help](http://rcblood.org/help). You can use this link to sign up directly: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Waupun>

**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.

**The Dordt University Wind Symphony** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 11, at Central Wisconsin

Christian School in Waupun. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Under the baton of Associate Professor and Director of Instrumental Activities Dr. Onsbly C. Rose, the Wind Symphony will perform a wide variety of repertoire. The concert is free, and a freewill offering will be received to help defray tour expenses.

We are in need of host families to volunteer to house the students after their concert. Host families typically come to the concert and pick up students afterward, provide a snack that evening, provide breakfast the following morning, and make sure they get to the First CRC in Waupun in the morning for worship the next day. If you are willing to house Dordt University Wind Symphony Students on Saturday, March 11, please contact Kim Greenfield at [kgreenfield@wearecwc.org](mailto:kgreenfield@wearecwc.org).

## **Calendar**

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism  
10:45 AM Choir Practice
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM SWaT – Lesson #3 @ Bethel CRC  
6:30 PM Youth Group – Chill n Chat  
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study in the Upper Room
- Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
9:30 AM Worship Service

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

### **Coffee**

Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld

### **Children’s Worship**

Mackenzie Mulder, Sophia Schuringa,  
Kolten Buwalda

### **Nursery**

Andrea Buwalda, Elise Ritzema,  
Jenna Schouten

### **Livestream**

Gregg Zonnefeld

### **PPT**

Cassidy Ritzema

### **Sound System**

Tyler Ten Pass

### **Ushers**

Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

Honor God  
Serve Others  
Transform Lives



<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)

### **Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

**Verse 1:** Praise is rising - Eyes are turning to You - We turn to You  
Hope is stirring - Hearts are yearning for You - We long for You

**Pre-Chorus:** 'Cause when we see You - We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence - All our fears are washed away - (Washed away)

**Chorus:** Hosanna, hosanna - You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises – Hosanna, hosanna  
Come have Your way among us - We welcome You here Lord Jesus

**Verse 2:** Hear the sound of - Hearts returning to You - We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom - Broken lives are made new - You make us new

**Ending:** Hosanna, hosanna

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### **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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## **Goodness Of God**

**Verse 1:** I love You Lord - Oh Your mercy never fails me - All my days  
I've been held in Your hands - From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head - I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus:** All my life You have been faithful - All my life You have been so so  
good - With every breath that I am able - I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2:** I love Your voice - You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night - You are close like no other - I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend - I have lived in the goodness of God

**Bridge:** Your goodness is running after - It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me  
With my life laid down - I'm surrendered now - I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me

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## **The Blessing**

**Verse:** The Lord bless you - And keep you - Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you - The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace

**Chorus:** Amen – Amen - Amen

**Bridge:** May his favor - Be upon you - And a thousand generations  
And your family - And your children - And their children - And their children

**Bridge:** May his presence - Go before you - And behind you  
And beside you - All around you - And within you - He is with you  
He is with you

**Bridge:** In the morning - In the evening - In your coming - And your going  
In your weeping - And rejoicing - He is for you - He is for you

**Tag:** He is for you - He is for you

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## Sermon Notes