

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) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (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

*Introit: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

"I Am not My Own" "O Great God"

Ministry of Music: "You Are Mine"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Heartbeat International

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

*Scripture Reading: John 16:33

Message: "Perspective"

Prayer

*Song of Hope: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" G475:1-3

*Benediction

Ministry of Music: "Go In Love"

*Closing Song: "Benediction"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon: Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff at Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA
- Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Matt Bulthuis (guitar); Lois Mulder (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Elsa Homan, Rachel Hoffman (vocalists)
- Ministry of Music: New Generation Singers of Central Wisconsin Christian School; Director: Emma De Vries; Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Kim Greenfield, Mike Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Jenna Schouten
- Nursery: Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

J Durant to Neen/Angel*

N Durni 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:

- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, in hospice care.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, home after a hospital stay, continued doctoring.

Elizabeth Jonker has requested her membership be released to River City Community Church in Chicago. First CRC wishes her many blessings in her new church home.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- March 15, Guest Pastor, Rev. Tim Vanden Langenberg, Chaplain at Dodge Correctional Institution
- March 22, Baptism
- 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 and next week after the morning service, and again on March 29, plus a brief practice Easter Sunday morning.

Beth Schlieve has been hired as the church's disbursing treasurer. **Keren Derksen** will continue to help during the transitioning. We thank Keren for her many years of service.

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

CWC Elementary Musical: The elementary students of CWC are busily preparing their annual spring musical to be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM** in the Crusader Centre and we would love for all of you to join us. This year we will be performing "Esther" by Erik Whitehill. A story of faith, courage, corruption and justice. The setting is the Citadel of Susa, a capital of the Persian Empire. Please enter at door 8 (East) OR door 11 (South). An offering will be taken to help the music department.

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) on Sunday, March, 15 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.

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.

Denominational News

Help Vulnerable Families in the Middle East - As conflict escalates in the Middle East, multiple people have been killed or injured, and many families are facing urgent need after fleeing from their homes. World Renew is preparing to respond in Lebanon through a trusted Christian partner while we continue to monitor the situation across the region. Join us in praying for lasting peace, and please give to support vulnerable families at

worldrenew.net/middle-east-conflict, by calling 1-800-552-7972, by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Middle East Conflict 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315; or by making a check out to First CRC with the same memo line and placing it in the offering plate.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (Oct 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
11:00 AM Choir Practice
4:27 PM Youth Group
Tuesday: 11:30 AM CRC Wisconsin Central Pastors Meeting
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

Coffee

Kristi Zonnefeld

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Heidi Schaver

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Lynnae Franken, Elsa Homan

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Brad Schouten

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, hosanna

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I Am Not My Own

Verse 1: The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known - I am His creation the
Maker's masterpiece - And all that He designs will be done in me

Verse 2: My body is a temple of the Living God
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image O may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

Chorus: I belong to the Lord O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord I am not my own - I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord I am not my own

Verse 3: And if He has redeemed me I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone - He declares my standing and
He declares my state - So I will know myself by the name He gave

Verse 4: I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me - There is nothing broken that
You can not repair - So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

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O Great God

Verse 1: O great God of highest heav'n - Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme - Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain - That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me - Make me Yours forever more

Verse 2: I was blinded by my sin - Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within - Had no taste for heaven's joys

Then Your Spirit gave me life - Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son - Gave me endless hope and peace

Verse 3: Help me now to live a life - That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul - From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised - With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n - Glorify Your Name through me

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Benediction

Verse 1: May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
And the grace of Christ the risen Son - And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain - Christ eternal the King of
kings

Verse 2: May this peace which passes understanding
And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion - Make us one in spirit and in heart

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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 – 12th 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) or our denomination's website (crcna.org).