

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

*God's Greeting

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

*Songs of Worship: "Lord Most High" "Shout to the Lord"

Song of Confession: "The Risen Christ"

Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

Song of Response to Assurance: "You Are My King"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Central Wisconsin
Christian School

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-17

Message: "Redeeming the Time"

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: "Speak, O Lord"

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon: Matt Hofman
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Brenda Hofman (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Elsa Homan, Heidi Smits, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Congregational Prayer: Kevin Buwalda
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma

- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Beth Schlieve, Gladys Montsma
- Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Hailey Bresser
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Phylicia Coda, Jenna Schouten
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

J Hanke to Neen/Angel
 B Heeringa 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 (Central Wisconsin Christian School for April) 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.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, upcoming challenging surgery to try to reduce her severe back pain.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- April 19, Guest Pastor Rev. Jason Ruis, Bible Teacher and Chaplain at Central Wisconsin Christian
- May 3, 6 PM, Praise and Prayer Service

We welcome **Mr. Matt Hofman** to our pulpit today. Matt is a teacher at Central Wisconsin Christian School and has his license to exhort in the Christian Reformed Churches of Classis Wisconsin (our regional group of CRC's). Pastor Greg is preaching and administering the Lord's Supper at Covenant CRC in Appleton, along with other Classis Wisconsin pastors over the past months, helping them fill their pulpit while Covenant is without a pastor.

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.

The April 2026 Newsletter from the **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County** can be found on the table in the narthex.

Community News

Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County celebrate April! Dine at Benvenuto's on Tuesday, April 14, from 11 AM to 9 PM. Just mention PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to PSCDC. This applies to dine-in, carryout, and/or delivery.

Community Prayer Service – You're invited to Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun) on Sunday, April 19, 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.

CWC Annual Meeting: Central Wisconsin Christian will host its Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, April 22**, at 6:30 PM in the Crusader Centre. This meeting will include approval of the annual budget and board nominees. All supporters of CWC are encouraged to attend and vote. Materials for the meeting will be available online and from the school office.

CWC Grandparents/Special Guest Day: Grandparents and Special Guests please join us for a fun day on **Friday, April 24**. We are so excited to share the day with you!

- 8-10 AM: Elementary Classroom Visits
- 8:30-10:30 AM: Middle and High School Classroom Visits
- 10:00-10:45 AM: Fellowship / Snacks / Coffee
- 10:30 AM: Middle and High School Band Showcase in the Commons
- 11:00-11:30 AM: Program of Praise and Celebration in the Gym

Special GriefShare 2-hour Event - The "Loss of Spouse" session will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 2–4 PM in the fellowship hall at First Reformed Church–Randolph, 406 South High Street, Randolph. Registration is available at Griefshare.org. For further information, please contact Lois Wendlandt at sharethegrief@yahoo.com or by phone at 920-382-3859.

5th/MS Lite Concert and Music Festival: The 5th - 8th graders at Central Wisconsin Christian invite you to their Lite Concert on **Monday, April 27**. Our concert will begin at **4:00 PM**. Following the concert, the students will

perform the various solos and ensembles they have been working on in preparation for their upcoming music festival. If you can't make it, you can see the pieces at the **Music Festival on Friday, May 1**, at CWC.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
4:27 PM Youth Group
Tuesday : 11:30 AM Regional CRC Pastors
6:30 PM Outreach Committee
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 PM GEMS Club Night
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

Children's Worship

Casey Homan, Jonah Mulder

Nursery

Aubryn DeJager, Jessica Ten Pass,
Elliana Mulder

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Kim Greenfield

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwarden

Lord Most High

Verse

From the ends of the earth (ECHO) - From the depths of the sea (ECHO)

From the heights of the heavens (ECHO) - Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (ECHO) - From the shouts of the strong

(ECHO) - From the lips of all people (ECHO) - This song we raise Lord

Chorus: Throughout the endless ages - You will be crowned with praises

Lord Most High – Exalted in every nation

Sovereign of all creation - Lord Most High be magnified

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Shout to the Lord

Verse: My Jesus, my Saviour – Lord, there is none like You

All of my days I want to praise - The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter - Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am - Never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord - All the earth let us sing - Power and majesty
Praise to the King - Mountains bow down - And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name - I sing for joy - At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You - Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise - I have in You

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The Risen Christ

Verse 1: O Breath of God come fill this place - Revive our hearts to know
Your grace - And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ

Verse 2: O Word of God so clear and true - Renew our minds to trust in You
And give to us the Bread of Life - That we may know the risen Christ

Verse 3: O love of God so unrestrained - Refresh our souls in Jesus' name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice - That we may know the risen Christ

Verse 4: May God the Father God the Son - And God the Spirit make us
one - In holiness let us unite - That we may know the risen Christ

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You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Verse: I'm forgiven - Because You were forsaken - I'm accepted
You were condemned - I'm alive and well - Your Spirit is within me
Because You died - And rose again

Chorus: Amazing love - How can it be - That You my King
Would die for me - Amazing love - I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You - In all I do I honor You

Ending: You are my King - You are my King
Jesus You are my King - Jesus You are my King

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Speak O Lord

Verse 1: Speak O Lord as we come to You - To receive the food of Your
holy word - Take Your truth plant it deep in us - Shape and fashion us in
Your likeness - That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith - Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2: Teach us Lord full obedience - Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes - In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise - Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority - Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3: Speak O Lord and renew our minds - Help us grasp the heights of
Your plans for us - Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity - And by grace we'll stand on Your
promises - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built - And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God, forever and ever - Be to our God, forever and ever
Be to our God, forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud - Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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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).