

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

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

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*Songs of Worship: "Christ is Mine Forevermore" "Behold Our God"
"Be Still, for the Presence"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.

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Song of Assurance: "Because He Lives" R358

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Central Wisconsin Christian School

Song of Preparation: "Ancient Words"

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

*Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

Message: "Firmly Rooted"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" R597:1, 4-6

*Benediction

*Doxology: "They'll Know We Are Christians" R429:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon: Rev. Jason Ruis
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Grace Bruins, Hollie Ganz, Jess and Tyler Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Congregational Prayer: Gary DeJager
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman
- Children's Worship: Casey Homan, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Aubryn DeJager, Jessica Ten Pass, Elliana Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

M Hoffman to Neen/Angel*
G 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 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

- May 3, 6 PM, Praise and Prayer Service
- May 17, Ascension Day Worship and Welcome of New Members
- May 24, Pentecost Worship
- June 7 – Lords Supper in Worship, start of sermon series on Proverbs

We welcome **Rev. Jason Ruis** to our pulpit today. Pastor Jason is an ordained minister in our classis who teaches Bible at Central Wisconsin

Christian School and is the school chaplain. **Pastor Greg** plans to return to the office from a vacation week this coming Thursday.

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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.

If you brought food for a **recent funeral or for the Community Table**, please stop down in the kitchen and **pick up your bowls and/or containers**.

Community News

Community Prayer Service – You're invited to Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Rd EE, Waupun) TONIGHT 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
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

Kristi Zonnefeld

Children's Worship

Grace Bruins, Levi Holbach

Nursery

Becca Vree, Hailey Bresser, Kolton
Buwalda

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

PPT

Jake Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Andy Schlieve

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1: Mine are days that God has numbered - I was made to walk with Him - Yet I look for worldly treasure - And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer - Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing - I am His forevermore

Verse 2: Mine are tears in times of sorrow - Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel - Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven - And the strength in times of need - I know my pain will not be wasted - Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3: Mine are days here as a stranger - Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter - Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle - Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver - Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4: And mine are keys to Zion city - Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure - Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge: Come, rejoice now O my soul - For His love is my reward

Fear is gone and hope is sure - Christ is mine forevermore

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Behold Our God

Verse 1: Who has held the oceans in His hands - Who has numbered every grain of sand - Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne - Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare - Come let us adore Him

Verse 2: Who has given counsel to the Lord - Who can question any of His words - Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3: Who has felt the nails upon His hands - Bearing all the guilt of sinful man - God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

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Be Still, for the Presence

Verse 1: Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now - With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found - We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here

Verse 2: Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire - With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight - Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around

Verse 3: Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal - To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him - In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place

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Ancient Words

Verse 1: Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart - O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope - Give us strength help us cope

In this world where'er we roam - Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus: Ancient words ever true - Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts - O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2: Holy words of our faith - Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice - O heed the faithful words of Christ
For our walk in this world; - Ancient words, long preserved,
They resound with God's own heart, - O let the ancient words impart.

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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).