

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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Great Things" "I Am Not My Own"
"Teach Us Your Ways"

Time of Commitment: Q&A 88-92

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

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and Central Wisconsin Christian School

Song of Preparation: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" G46:1-3, 5
Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Message: "The Christian Warfare, Part V: Our Secret Weapon"
The Warriors' Prayer

Prayer

*Song of Response: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" R630

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Bless His Holy Name" G627

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Coffee: Curt and Judy Groen
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Jake Van Herwaarden, Randall Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Grace Bruins, Levi Holbach

- Nursery: Becca Vree, Hailey Bresser, Kolton Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

P Hoffman to Neen/Angel
B 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 – Lord's Supper in Worship, start of sermon series on Proverbs

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

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.

You are invited to a **Concert of Praise in Celebration of God's Great Faithfulness** on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Calvin CRC, 2313 Saemann Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. *Pine Haven Men's Chorus* of Sheboygan, WI and *The Singing Hims* of Grand Rapids, MI, will perform a benefit concert for Tesoros de Dios.

Brandon Bethel Reformed Church (305 W Main St., Brandon) is hosting **"Enjoy" Women's Conference**, on Saturday, May 16. Brunch will be served from 8–8:45 AM followed by worship at 9 AM and a floral workshop after that. Call the Bethel office at 920-346-5810 to reserve your spot.

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

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

Coffee

Kristi Zonnefeld

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children's Worship

Becca Vree, Kase Buwalda

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Kaytlin Ruis, Emily Mulder, Jonah Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ben and Jonah Mulder

Great Things

Verse 1: Come let us worship our King - Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things - See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes - He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus - O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2: You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore - You have done great things
And I know You will do it again - For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things - God You do great things

Bridge: Hallelujah, God above it all – Hallelujah, God unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things (REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending: You have done great things - O God, You do great things

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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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Teach Us Your Ways

Verse 1: Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways - As we learn from one another - Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

Verse 2: Teach us to give, teach us to give - Give ourselves for one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us to give

Verse 3: Teach us to weep, teach us to weep - Let us weep with one another - Learn to love each other - Teach us to weep

Verse 4

Hallelujah, hallelujah - Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

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Ministry Update – Neen and Angel (March 2026)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

We are writing to share with you the wonderful things the Lord is doing and to update you on the current situation we are facing.

Our recent visit to the prison was truly a blessing. The Bible lesson went very well, and we were encouraged to see the men eager to listen and learn. Despite the difficult conditions inside-where the cells are overcrowded and the summer heat is almost unbearable-their Spirits remain strong. They expressed deep gratitude to the Lord and for the time we spent with them. We praised God for their faithfulness and hunger for His Word, which remains a source of great comfort and strength to them even in their struggles.

My apologies that we cannot send pictures of the men. I wish I could send you some pictures of them so you could see them and our work here but taking photos now inside the prison is strictly prohibited.

However, we want to be transparent about the difficulties we are facing right now. The cost of basic necessities continues to increase. The conflict in the Middle East has caused gasoline prices to soar, making transportation and daily living very expensive. Sadly, it seems that these challenges are being taken advantage of, adding more burden to the people who are already struggling to provide for their daily needs. Many families are finding it very hard to make ends meet.

Because of your generous help and support, we are able to continue reaching out in other villages. Your kindness allows us to bring relief and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for standing with us in faith and service. We could not do this work without you. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your family always.

In Christ's love, Neen and Angel

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).