

First Christian Reformed Church



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.

Before and after worship we have catechism classes for students from Middle School through High School, and Sunday School Classes for K – 5th graders after worship. These classes are designed to help students grow in the biblical faith and to apply their growing faith to day-to-day life.

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).

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 (waupunrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupunrc.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.

9:30 AM Worship Service – GEMS Sunday

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Great Things" "Who You Say I Am"
"Refiner's Fire"

GEMS Litany, Update, and Songs

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Central Wisconsin Christian School

GEMS Slideshow

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

*Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-2

Message: "Three Gems of Justification"

*Song of Response: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" G481

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" G638

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Rachel Hoffman, Elsa Homan, Jessica Ten Pass (vocalists)
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Ryer Greenfield, Brad Mulder
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Jenna Mulder, Grace Bruins, Jenna Schouten
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Kolton Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brian O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

K Homan to Neen/Angel

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 Faith Promise Fund the first Sunday of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (Central Wisconsin Christian School for April; Elim Christian School for May), 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:

- **Leanne Johnson**, hospitalization.
- **Margaret Miedema**, cervical spine surgery scheduled for May 6.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery going well.
- **Bob West**, car accident recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, recovery from brain surgery this past Friday.

Surrounded by your love...

Thank you to our church family for your unwavering support over the last eleven months. Your recent expressions of love and encouragement have carried us through this difficult time. Thanks to Pastor Greg and the numerous elders for their care and concern. We also appreciate the many generous contributions to the funeral service and luncheon. We are truly grateful for everything.

- Brenda, and the Hofman and Vander Galien Families

Bethel/First Summer Serve. Allana Vree is excited about doing service projects for First members to earn money toward going on the service project. Please contact her if you'd like to support her at 28avree@wearecwc.org or 920-392-2569.

2025 Graduates: We plan to honor **ALL our** recent graduates during an upcoming service. **Please submit** a picture, graduation details, and future plans to the church office **by May 22**.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- May 1, Thursday—National Day of Prayer Service at City Hall, 6 PM
- May 4 AM—Central Wisconsin Christian New Generation Singers in worship, Ephesians sermon series begins
- May 4—Prayer and Praise Service, 6 PM
- May 25—Professions of Faith in Worship
- June 1—Lord's Supper in Worship
- June 8—Outdoor Worship and All-Church Potluck in West End Park
- June 22—Installation of New Officebearers

On May 3, starting at 9:00 AM, we plan on finishing up the packing of meals at Pella Lutheran Church. If you are available to help, please let Sue Buwalda know. Thank you for your help.

We're looking for a few more people willing to serve as ushers. Please let Lois know if you are willing to be added to the schedule.

Summer may seem far away, but it's closer than you think. That means it's time to think about the **Summer Bag Lunch Program**. Beth Schlieve has volunteered to head up this project again this summer and is looking for a partner. If you are interested in helping her, please talk to Beth. We will be providing bag lunches the week of July 14. Watch for future announcements to find out how you can help.

Tonight the high school youth group will wrap up their study, *Facing Anxiety* and have a Senior Send-Off, where the seniors will star in our opening devotions and share their words of wisdom & encouragement with the younger students.

On Wednesday, April 30, the high school youth group will wrap up the year with a fun night of bowling at Ledgeview Bowling in Fond du Lac, watch your email for details.

Friday, May 9, we will wrap up SWaT with a fun night out at Badger Sports Park, watch your email for details.

The Belize Mission Team students are raising funds not only to help pay for their trip but to bless the people of Corozal, Belize, and New Jerusalem Church. To do that, we are selling "Go Tell It" Isaiah 52:7 insulated 20 oz tumblers, 32 oz water bottles, hats, and t-shirts. If you're interested in ordering, please contact Allana Vree. Orders are due TODAY!

First CRC Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a longtime member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun> and <https://www.waupuncrc.com>.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

If you are interested in **membership at First CRC**, please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa.

Community News

Retirement Open House: We would like you to join us in honoring two teachers that will be retiring after this year. Dianne Buteyn has blessed us with 38 years and Renae Venhuizen with 29 years. They are retiring at the end of the school year, ending careers of faithful service to students, staff, and families. You are invited to join us for an Open House in their honor on **Saturday, May 3**, from 10-noon in the CWC Commons. *Well done, good and faithful servants!!!*

Join Church Health Service at Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam for a Community Impact Night on May 1 from 4-8 PM. Tips and donations go to CHS. You can also purchase coupons for future use. Your support helps us provide dental and mental health care services to children and adults who cannot afford them.

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County is hosting its annual open house on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 108 Parallel St., Beaver Dam. You can meet the Director, tour the Center, have a brat at the Brat Fry, and check out the Bake Sale and the Plant Sale.

Calendar

Today:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Study and Senior Send-Off
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	Time??	Youth Group Bowling at Ledgeview Lanes
Thursday	7:00 PM	ONE Waupun Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th and 12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

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Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Rachel Hoffman,
Heidi Schaver

Nursery

Holly Ganz, Emily Mulder, Troy
Hoffman

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

PPT

Jake Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	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)

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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Who You Say I Am

Verse 1: Who am I that the highest King - Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in – Oh, His love for me – Oh. His love for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free – Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God – Yes, I am

Verse 2: Free at last - He has ransomed me - His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin - Jesus died for me – Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2: In my Father's house - There's a place for me

I'm a child of God – Yes, I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken - I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me - I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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Refiner's Fire

Verse 1: Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - And precious silver

Purify my heart - Let me be as gold - Pure gold

Chorus: Refiner's fire - My heart's one desire - Is to be holy

Set apart for You Lord - I choose to be holy

Set apart for You my Master - Ready to do Your will

Verse 2: Purify my heart - Cleanse me from within - And make me holy

Purify my heart - Cleanse me from my sin - Deep within

CCLI Song # 426298 - Brian Doerksen

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Sermon Notes