

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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Easter Sunday
9:30 AM Worship Service
* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Resurrection: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" G388:1-4
"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" G389

Choir Anthem: "I Will Arise"

Congregational Prayer

*Songs of Worship: "See, What a Morning"
"Living Hope" "In Christ Alone"

Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Song of Worship: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" G391:1-4
Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: John 20:1-9

Message: "Easter's Proof"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Low in the Grave Christ Lay" G396
(During this song, you are welcome to come forward and join the walk-up choir to sing The Hallelujah Chorus.)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "The Hallelujah Chorus" (Walk-up Choir)

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Special Music: Choir; accompanist: Brenda Hofman; director: Cara Schmitt
- Scripture Reading: Jennifer Ritzema
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Grace Bruins, Elsa Homan, Cayden Ruis (vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Lois Mulder, Brad Mulder
- Children's Worship: Emily Mulder, Morgan Buwalda
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Hailey Wagner, Rynn Aalsma
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Tom Jonker

Missionary Letters

C Groen to Neen/Angel*

L Groenewold 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's** doctors have concluded that the only thing that has a chance of reducing her pain is a major, very difficult surgery in the future. The family is processing this news.

Bob and Judy West have a new address as of this past Thursday: 139 Young St. in Waupun.

Meal Train. If you have a need for meals for a time due to sickness or recovery after surgery or having a baby (or want to make sure someone else gets some meals), please contact your care group elder or deacon or the church office. A Meal Train will get set up for you, where church members can prepare meals for you and your household, whether daily for a while, or even a couple times a week—whatever is most helpful for you.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- April 12, Guest Pastor Matt Hofman (Pastor Greg preaching and leading Lord's Supper at Covenant CRC, Appleton, Classical Assignment)
- April 19, Guest Pastor Rev. Jason Ruis, Bible Teacher and Chaplain at Central Wisconsin Christian
- May 3, 6 PM, Praise and Prayer Service

First CRC will be serving at the Community Table on Friday, April 10, and are looking for volunteers to bring some food. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. We need 8 pans of bars, 9 dozen dinner rolls, 4 lbs of butter and 1 gallon of milk. If you can help out in any way, we would appreciate

it. Please have your food to the church by 10:00 AM that Friday. Thank you for your help.

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.

Thank you, First CRC, for your generous support, impacting lives around the world! As the cold of winter slowly gives way to spring, we witness new life breaking out around us. It's a reminder of the new life we experience in Christ. We regularly hear from our **Luke Society** directors about lives dead to sin being turned to life through Jesus. We give our thanks to First CRC for playing a role in that transformation for Christ. We look forward to our continued partnership together.

Community News

The next **ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, April 11, from 7:30–8:30 AM**. Start your morning with **great food, meaningful fellowship, uplifting praise and worship, and a powerful message** that will encourage and strengthen your faith. We meet at **Main Street Bistro (5 W Main St, Waupun)**. Whether you've attended before or this would be your first time, this is a **great opportunity to connect with other Christian men in our community and start the day encouraged in your walk with Christ**. Bring a friend and join us—we'd love to see you there.

Randolph Community Choir presents *Echoes of Easter, The Hope of the Cross*. Join us for music and narration celebrating Jesus' work tonight at 7 PM at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Waupun.

AUCTION - April 11: Join us for a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship at the Randolph Christian School Auction, "Stars & Wonders." Dinner and Silent Auction start at 4:30, Live Auction at 7:00. For a complete list of items or for more information, visit www.randolphchristian.org/auction. Thank you for supporting Christian education!

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.

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

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
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children's Worship

Lyn Mulder, Hailey Bresser

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Phylicia Coda,
Jenna Schouten

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

See, What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)

Verse 1: See, what a morning gloriously bright - With the dawning of hope
in Jerusalem - Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen - See God's salvation plan wrought
in love - Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 2: See, Mary weeping where is He laid - As in sorrow she turns from
the empty tomb - Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again - The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us - Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 3: One with the Father Ancient of Days - Through the Spirit who
clothes faith with certainty - Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority - And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered - And we shall reign with
Him - For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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Living Hope

Verse 1: How great the chasm that lay between us - How high the mountain
I could not climb - In desperation I turned to heaven - And spoke Your name
into the night - Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul - The work is finished the end is
written - Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2: Who could imagine so great a mercy - What heart could fathom
such boundless grace - The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame - The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own - Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free - Hallelujah death has
lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3: Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe - Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope – Oh, God, You are my living hope

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In Christ Alone

Verse 1: In Christ alone my hope is found - He is my light my strength my song - This Cornerstone this solid Ground - Firm through the fiercest drought and storm - What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease - My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh - Fullness of God in helpless babe - This gift of love and righteousness - Scorned by the ones He came to save - Till on that cross as Jesus died - The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid - Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3: There in the ground His body lay - Light of the world by darkness slain - Then bursting forth in glorious Day - Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory - Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4: No guilt in life no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath - Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man - Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home - Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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).