

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

*Song of Praise: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" G420

*Songs of Worship: "Glory to God Forever"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"Who You Say I Am"

New Members Welcome and Baptism:

Emma De Vries and Nick Schumacher

Steve and Stephanie Navis and Gage and Ruby

*Profession of Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Worship: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" G408:1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Elim

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

Lord's Day 18 of the Heidelberg Catechism

*Scripture Reading: John 16:5-7

Message: "Christ's Ascension—Better Here Than There"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" G406

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" G408:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Glen Navis (guitar); Lois Mulder (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Kim Greenfield, Heidi Smits, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Jessica Van Herwaarden, Brad Mulder
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Jules Mulder
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Phylicia Coda, Rynn Aalsma
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

P Homan to Neen/Angel*

S 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 (Elim for May) 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.



Prayer Requests

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Brenda Hofman**, surgery recovery.
- **Margaret Miedema**, shoulder replacement surgery scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.
- **Jared Regnerus**, related to Steve and Heidi Smits, and his young family in the Fox Lake area, as he continues his struggle against brain cancer. Their cancer journey started in November 2024. You can read about that and find regular updates at <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/caff8314-9fb1-11ef-a945-f318711e6504>.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, major spinal surgery scheduled for May 21.

Directory Update: Jon and Jenna Mulder have moved! Their new address is N3569 Highway 49, Waupun. Please update your directory.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- May 24, Pentecost Worship
- May 31, Fifth Sunday, Pastor Larry Meyer preaching; Pastor Greg here leading worship.
- June 7 – Lord's Supper in Worship, start of sermon series on Proverbs

Summer Bag Lunch Program: A big thanks to Emily Aalsma as she will be heading this up for First CRC. She is looking for a partner. Please talk to her if you are interested in helping out.

2026 Graduates. To be sure we don't miss anybody from First who is graduating this year, please share with Lois in the office graduation information and future plans, including a photo, so we can recognize graduates on a Sunday in the near future.

There are FOUR weddings coming up in the next few months. Joelle Hanke and Todd Van Herwaarden, Emma De Vries and Nick Schumacher, Reegan Aylesworth and Kade Gerritson, and Josie Venhuizen and Brian Jones will be getting married soon. (If I'm missing anyone, please let me know!) Help us celebrate these couples by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the totes in the narthex: cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved. The totes will be available until June 7.

Community News

The **United Men of Praise Spring Concert** is TONIGHT at 6:00 PM at First Reformed Church, 422 W Franklin Street, Waupun.

High School Commencement: The CWC Board will present the high school class of 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Crusader Centre on **May 22**. Mr. Bryce Lanser will address the seniors and encourage them as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their life, thanking God for his faithfulness and asking Him for continued guidance. Our students appreciate your support!

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast: The Central Wisconsin Christian Booster Club invites you to join in as we celebrate the start of summer with our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 25. The menu includes pancakes, your choice of regular or loaded scrambled eggs, sausage links, beverages and more. We are serving from 7-9:30 AM at CWC in the Commons and Crusader Centre (please use Event Entrance). The Booster Club has donated over \$25,000 to the new weight room and we hope to pledge more through this event's proceeds. Get your holiday started off right! GO CRUSADERS!

The Nutrition Program through the ADRC of Fond du Lac County is in need of help. We need volunteers for our Senior Dining Program. The volunteer will help with serving and clean-up at the meal site. We are looking for anyone 18 or older who enjoys being around and helping others. They must be available from 10:00 AM-noon. A schedule is created based on your availability. A meal is served to you on the day you volunteer. You can get started today by calling the ADRC at 920-929-3466. If you have any questions, feel free to call!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Livestream

Alyssa Homan/Rachel Hoffman

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Katie DeJager

Children's Worship

Jen Ritzema, Troy Hoffman

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda, Emily Aalsma,
Tirzah Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Tom Jonker

Glory To God Forever

Verse 1: Before the world was made - Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings – Yeah, You were, yeah, You were
And now You're reigning still - Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out - We join them as we sing

Chorus: (We sing) Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever
Glory to God - Glory to God - Glory to God forever

Verse 2: Creator, God You gave me breath - So I could praise
Your great and matchless name - All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be - A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings - The greatness of our King

Bridge: Take my life and let it be - All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours - Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory - Take my life and let it be Yours

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Before The Throne Of God Above

Verse 1: Before the throne of God above - I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love - Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands - My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands - No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2: When Satan tempts me to despair - And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there - Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died - My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied - To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3: Behold Him there the risen Lamb - My perfect spotless
righteousness - The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace - One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood - My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God - With Christ my Saviour and my God

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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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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).