

# First Christian Reformed Church



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**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: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" G486

\*Songs of Worship: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"Breathe"

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

God's Will for Our Lives

Profession of Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God Article 30

\*Song of Worship: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" G425

Congregational Prayer

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Elim

Song of Preparation: "Break Now the Bread of Life" G282

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

Lord's Day 20 of the Heidelberg Catechism

\*Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13

Message: "Essentials of the Holy Spirit's Work"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" G420

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit" G427

\*Postlude

### Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Scripture Reading: Laura Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Glen Navis (guitar); Grace Bruins, Elsa Homan, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Katie DeJager, Alyssa Homan/Randall Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Jen Ritzema, Troy Hoffman
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Emily Aalsma, Tirzah Ritzema
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Tom Jonker

### Missionary Letters

B Huizenga to Neen/Angel  
D Jansen 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, PAVE for June) 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.



|                | April Giving | Fiscal YTD   | Budget YTD   | % of YTD Budget |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| General        | \$34,782.90  | \$338,420.60 | \$336,565.42 | 100.55%         |
| Most Needed    | \$6,827.50   | \$50,769.00  | N/A          | N/A             |
| Faith Promise  | \$1,469.56   | \$15,823.23  | \$13,000     | 121.71%         |
| Classical      | \$764.64     | \$13,320.45  | \$21,667     | 61.47%          |
| Denominational | \$714.68     | \$16,327.97  | \$21,667     | 75.35%          |
| Benevolent     | \$370.00     | \$15,566.68  | N/A          | N/A             |
| Total**        | \$44,929.28  | \$450,227.93 | N/A          | N/A             |

\*Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

## Prayer Requests

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- **Jim Groenewold**, in hospice care.
- **Toni Hofman**, surgery on June 1.
- **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**, spinal surgery recovery.

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

**Congratulations to Chaplain Rev. Peter Hofman!!** Peter is scheduled to be promoted to the rank of Colonel, on Friday, May 22. We praise and thank God with him as his church family on this special occasion!

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

- 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.

**Save the Date:** The fourth Life Group Olympics will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 4:00 PM. The whole family is invited for a variety of games that will offer some friendly competition for all levels and supper afterwards. We will provide paper products, brats, hot dogs, and drinks. We are asking life group members to bring food as well. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please talk to Brad, Lyn, Gary or Katie.

As a way to get the word out about our congregation and Savior, consider giving **First CRC a positive Google review**. Just like when looking for advice on finding a good restaurant people consider those reviews!!

**First CRC Facebook and Website:** Whether you are newer to First or a long-time 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/1stcraupun> 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.

## **Community News**

**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!

## **Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 PM Deacons Meeting  
6:30 PM Council Meeting  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

## **Next Week**

### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

### **Coffee**

Steve and Heidi Smits

### **Children's Worship**

Mackenzie Mulder, Joy Mulder

### **Nursery**

Lynnae Franken, Jenna Mulder,  
Kase Buwalda

### **Livestream**

Cody Van Herwaarden/Rachel  
Hoffman

### **PPT**

Beth Schlieve

### **Sound System**

Joe Bresser

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

## **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

**Chorus:** Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart – Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God – Come

**Verse 1:** One day every tongue - Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow - Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

**Verse 2:** Willingly we choose to surrender our lives - Willingly our knees will bow - With all our heart soul mind and strength - We gladly choose You now

**Ending:** Come, come, come, come

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## **Breathe**

**Verse 1:** This is the air I breathe - This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me

**Verse 2:** This is my daily bread - This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me

**Chorus:** And I I'm desperate for You - And I I'm lost without You

**Ending:** I'm lost without You - This is the air I breathe - This is the air I breathe

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## **Holy Spirit**

**Verse 1:** Holy Spirit, living Breath of God - Breathe new life into my willing soul - Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole - Cause Your word to come alive in me - Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity - Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

**Verse 2:** Holy Spirit, come abide within - May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin - In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least - Gentleness that sows the path of peace - Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

**Verse 3:** Holy Spirit, from creation's birth - Giving life to all that God has made - Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise - Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ - May be clear for all the world to see

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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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)).