

# 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://waupunrc.com)) or our denomination's website ([crcna.org](http://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](mailto:waupunrc@gmail.com)) or Pastor Greg Schuringa ([pastorgreg@waupunrc.com](mailto: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

\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Agnus Dei"

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Holy Forever" "All Who Are Thirsty"  
"Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and Faith Promise Fund

Ministry of Music: "Glory to God Forever"

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

\*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

Message: "The Book of Ephesians, God's Great and Gracious Plan for  
You, #1 - The Best Place to Be on Earth"

\*Song of Response: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew" G498

Ministry of Music: "Go Rest High on That Mountain"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "To God Be the Glory" G473:1

\*Postlude

### **Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Ministry of Music: New Generation Sings (Central Wisconsin Christian School); Emma De Vries, Director
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Hollie Ganz, Kim Greenfield (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Jake Van Herwaarden, Scott Ritzema
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Rachel Hoffman, Heidi Schaver
- Nursery: Holly Ganz, Emily Mulder, Troy Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brad Schouten

### **Missionary Letters**

S Homan to Neen/Angel\*

B Huizenga 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**, health.
- **Margaret Miedema**, cervical spine surgery scheduled for May 6.
- **Gardie Ten Pas**, recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- **Bob West**, car accident recovery.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, recovery from brain surgery is going well!

**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](mailto:28avree@wearecwc.org) or 920-392-2569.

**This is the last week** of Sunday School and Catechism. **A big thank you** to all the teachers, music leaders, pianists, and anyone else who helped in any way with Sunday School or Catechism.

**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 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 15—Profession of Faith in Worship
- June 22—Installation of New Officebearers

**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.

**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!

## **Community News**

**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**

<b>Today:</b>	8:30 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	Prayer and Praise Worship Service
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee Break @ Bethel
	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (Lower Level)
	7:30 PM	Elders Meeting (Lower Level)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	ONE Waupun Men's Bible Study (Lower Level)
	Time TBD	SWaT Fun Night at Badger Sports Park
<b>Sunday:</b>	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**

Marlyce Mulder

### **Coffee**

George and Karen Aalsma

### **Children's Worship**

Becca Vree, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema

### **Nursery**

Aubryn DeJager, Kaytlin Ruis, Elliana Mulder

### **Livestream**

Mike Vander Berg

### **PPT**

Lois Mulder

### **Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

### **Transportation**

Bob Mulder

### **Ushers**

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

<b>Care Group</b>	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
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)

## **Holy Forever**

**Verse 1:** A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb - And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe - Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

**Pre-Chorus:** (Jesus) Your name is the highest - Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all - All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions - Your name stands above them all

**Chorus 1:** And the angels cry Holy - All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy - Holy forever

**Verse 2:** If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb - We'll sing the song forever and amen

**Chorus 2:** Hear Your people sing Holy - To the King of Kings Holy

You will always be Holy - Holy forever

**Tag:** You will always be Holy - Holy forever

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## **All Who Are Thirsty**

**Verse:** All who are thirsty - All who are weak - Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life - Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away - In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep - (We sing)

**Chorus 1:** Come Lord Jesus come - Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)

**Chorus 2:** Holy Spirit come - Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)

**Interlude:** As deep cries out to deep - As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

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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