

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: Psalm 148

*Songs of Worship: "It Is Good to Give Thanks"

"He Will Hold Me Fast" "Teach Us Your Ways"

God's Will for Our Lives

Bible Presentation to 2nd Graders

*Song of Worship: "Humble Praises, Holy Jesus" G484

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Praise: "For the Beauty of the Earth" G432

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

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

*Scripture Reading: Mark 12:30-31 and various verses from Proverbs

Message: "Pearls of Wisdom for Christian Renewal #7: How to Love Your Neighbor"

*Song of Response: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" G601

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision" R562:1-2

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Rachel Hoffman, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Kim Greenfield, Brad Mulder
- Children's Worship: Casey Homan, Ellie Mulder
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey Wagner, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Missionary Letters

B O'Donovan to Neen/Angel

D Pausma 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 (ONE Waupun for August) 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.
- **Al Holden**, healing and recovery from a severe infection.
- **Jared Regnerus**, in hospice care. Search him on caringbridge.org if you want to keep up with Jared and Rachel and their kids and if you want to leave a caring note.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- August 16: Bible presentation for Second Graders.
- August 23: Guest pastor Al Venhuizen, member at First CRC.
- August 30: Outdoor Worship, the day after the Block Party.
- September 20: Sunday School/Catechism Teacher Commissioning in Worship.

Pastor Greg begins a study week on Monday.

Mark your calendars! The Block Party will be on **Saturday, August 29**. The fun runs from 4-8 and will a pulled pork meal, hayrides, mini-golf, bouncy house, balloon animals, face painting, corn hole, more kids games, a car show, and, of course, the legendary chicken chuck contest! Invite your neighbors and friends! We hope to see you there!

We'd like to have a few antique, classic or special cars, trucks, tractors or motorcycles displayed at our **Neighborhood Block Party**, Sat., Aug. 29, 4-8 PM. If you or someone you know is willing to do so, please call or message Tom Jonker at 920-602-5689. Thank you.

It's time to update our picture directory! If you are new to First CRC or your family has changed over the past five years, please submit a new digital photo to Lois in the office **by September 1**.

Classis Wisconsin offers the Leadership Development Network (LDN), a program designed to equip church members for lay ministry and leadership in their local congregations. Through a combination of theological study and practical training, participants gain a broader understanding of Scripture and develop skills for serving in the church. LDN meets one Sunday each month from September through May, from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. Participants come from

churches across Wisconsin and gather at MarshView Ministries in Horicon. This year, the focus will be on exploring the Bible through the lens of redemptive history, discovering how Christ is revealed throughout all of Scripture. If you are interested in learning more about LDN, please contact Pastor Dave Katsma at 920-296-1448 or by email at pastordlk@gmail.com.

Join us for a time of fellowship and ice cream next Wednesday, August 19, at Bethel CRC @ 6:00pm as **Maranda Heytsi, missionary in Ukraine**, will be here to update us on what they are doing in Ukraine, answer questions, and fellowship with the congregation and community.

Community News

Alto Old Stone Church Service (4042 Amity Rd, Brandon) will be held on August 16 at 2 PM. Come enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned church service. A freewill offering will be taken and refreshments will follow.

Back to School Prayer Gatherings! Once again this year, the **Waupun Ministers Association** is organizing times to gather in prayer for our schools (students, teachers, support staff, administration). Each gathering will be outside the main entrance of the schools in Waupun and hosted by two pastors. This year we will be meeting at the schools at **1 PM on Sunday, August 23**. The schools are Central Wisconsin Christian, Meadowview, Rock River, and Waupun Middle/High. Please join in wherever you feel led to pray.

You're Invited – CWC Back to School Convocation: Join us as Central Wisconsin Christian kicks off the 2026-27 school year with our annual **Back to School/Convocation event** on **Monday, August 24, at 6:30 PM**. We invite students, families, church members, and community supporters to gather **in the CWC Gym** for a time of worship and dedication. Come ready to celebrate God's faithfulness together. This year, we're excited to welcome **Mr. Jeremy Smith** as our speaker as we launch our new school theme: ***Created to Serve God and His World***. Let's start this new year united in purpose and praise!

You are invited to a ten-week study: God, Piper, and Me, \$15 for book, Come Sit. Paws. Listen as we go together through 30 days of inspirational writings. In day one of the study, the author talks about having a hard time sitting still. I can relate to that and I'm thinking so can you. Piper, his dog, ran after a rabbit full speed but couldn't catch it. What are you chasing after? How often do you run after things that were never yours to catch? God calls us to sit next to Him. True peace isn't found in the chase—it's found in the stillness. God knows us, we just need to



stop, pull up a chair next to Him and sit, paws and listen. **Meet the author:** Dennis TeGrootenhuis (son of Bea TeGrootenhuis) will attend the first session; ages 15-100. Material is relatable to young and old alike - very casual atmosphere. Ten sessions on Wednesday evenings, starting Sept 2 and ending Nov 4, from 6 7 PM at Trinity Church, 524 Carrington St, Waupun. Book is available on Amazon or can be purchased for \$15 from Laurie Mueller, 920-296-7969.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Alyssa Homan

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

PPT

Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Becca Vree, Jules Mulder

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Jessica Ten Pass, Aubryn DeJager,
Joy Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ben and Jonah Mulder

It Is Good to Give Thanks

Verse 1: It is good to give thanks – Unto Thee, oh my God

To sing praises to Thy name - Oh Most High

To show forth Thy love by morning - Thy faithfulness by night

To sing praises to Thy name - Oh Most High

Chorus: Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord of the Lord

Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord of the Lord

Verse 2: It is good to give thanks – Unto Thee, oh my God

To exalt thy holy name – Oh, Most High

Oh Lord how righteous are thy ways – how great are all thy works

We sing praises to Thy name - Oh Most High

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Teach Us Your Ways

Verse 1: Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways - As we learn from one
another - Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

Verse 2: Teach us to give, teach us to give - Give ourselves for one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us to give

Verse 3: Teach us to weep, teach us to weep - Let us weep with one
another - Learn to love each other - Teach us to weep

Verse 4

Hallelujah, hallelujah - Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other - Teach us Your ways

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Sermon Notes

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Scott Ritzema (2029)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Jesse Buteyn (2029)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	Curt Groen (2029)
6	Steve Smits (2029)	Jesse Buteyn (2029)
7	Dan Montsma (2029)	Curt Groen (2029)
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 during the school year.

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).