

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 107:28-32

*Songs of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy" G249

"Great Are You, Lord" "Come, People of the Risen Lord"

Confession of God's Providence and Assurance of His Sovereignty

HC Q&As 27 and 28, G871

Our World Belongs to God, #13 and #44, G1023

*Song of Worship: "Lord, I Need You"

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

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

*Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Message: "Lord of the Storm"

*Song of Response: "When Peace Like a River" G489

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King" R63:1, 4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Al Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Brenda Hofman (piano); Grace Bruins, Neil Venhuizen, Renae Venhuizen (vocalists)
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Kim Greenfield, Cody Van Herwaarden
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Jules Mulder
- Nursery: Jessica Ten Pass, Aubryn DeJager, Joy Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

Missionary Letters

L Pausma to Neen/Angel*

J Pluim 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; REACH Waupun for September) 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 30: Outdoor Worship, the day after the Block Party.
- September 20: Sunday School/Catechism Teacher Commissioning in Worship.

A reminder to please use the main entrance if you need to get into church during the week, unless you make previous arrangements to come to another door. And note that notifications from the Ring doorbell take a bit to come through.

The Block Party is this Saturday, August 29! The fun runs from 4-8 and will include 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 15**.

If you are interested in **profession of faith**, please contact Scott Ritzema. A class is being planned likely for this fall.

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.

Community News

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 TODAY!** The schools are Central Wisconsin Christian, Meadow View, Rock River, and Waupun Middle/High. Please join 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!

Connections Breakfast - Our first ONE Waupun Breakfast for men is scheduled for September 19 at 7:30 AM at the Main Street Bistro location. If you have not attended in the past, please consider starting out your day with a great breakfast, a time of fellowship and a powerful message. We typically finish up around 8:30 AM. Be sure to take along a friend!

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.

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Fall Benefit 2026

IT'S A BRAND NEW DAY FOR PROCLAIMING LIFE!

Saturday, September 19, 2026

- Juneau Community Center, 500 Lincoln Drive, Juneau
- Join us for an evening of Fun, Family & Friends!
 - Doors open at 5PM
 - Dinner Buffet 6PM-7PM
 - **SILENT AUCTION**
 - 50 / 50 Raffle
 - **BUFFET** with Chef Chansé
- **LIVE AUCTION** with Auctioneer Nate Pollnow.
- Join us in supporting the Center's mission of **CARE~COUNSEL~COMPASSION!**
- **Questions?** Call the Center 920-219-9305.
- Details on the Center website <https://pscdcsupport.com> & Facebook page.
 - Come Alone!
 - Bring the Family!
 - Bring your Friends!
 - Bring Someone New!
 - Can't come?
- Cash donations are always welcome!
- Tickets cost \$45 across the board.
 - Tickets are due by

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THE EVENING WITH YOU.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting (Upper Room)
Saturday:	4:00 PM	Neighborhood Block Party
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Outdoor Worship Service

Next Week – Outdoor Worship

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Alyssa Homan

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Nursery

Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin
Ruis, Morgan Buwalda

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Ushers

Noah Mulder, Andy
Schlieve

Great Are You Lord

Verse: You give life You are love - You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore, ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs - So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise - It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge: And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing - Great are You Lord

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Come People of the Risen King

Verse 1: Come people of the Risen King - Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing - To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth - We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach - To gather children in

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice - O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2: Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night - Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight - For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease - But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3: Come young and old from ev'ry land - Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands - Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing - Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age - Our God is all in all

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Lord I Need You

Verse 1: Lord, I come, I confess - Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart - You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You - Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness – Oh, God, how I need You

Verse 2: Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are - And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me - Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You - When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You – Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You - Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You - Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness – Oh, God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness – Oh, God, how I need You

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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).