

8/27/2023

First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping the Lord together with us today. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join us here at First CRC! You will find a guest card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag during the service so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at www.waupuncrc.com or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com). Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com.

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher.

You can watch our services live on Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Our Core Values: We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

PO Box 32, Waupun

9:30 AM Worship Service
* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"
"What a Beautiful Name"

*Profession of Our Faith: HC Q&A #1 (see back part of bulletin)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and One Waupun

Ministry of Music: "God of the Seasons"

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:16 – 9:5

*Song of Worship: "Be Thou My Vision" vs 1-3

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Message: "2 Corinthians #14: Why God's People Excel in Generosity"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Take My Life and Let it Be"

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Be Thou My Vision" vs 4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (keyboard, worship leader); Aubryn DeJager, Kim Greenfield, Pete Vander Werff (vocals)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Gladys Montsma

- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema

Missionary Letters

S Smits to Neen

B TeGrootenhuis 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 and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (ONE Waupun for August; REACH

Waupun for September), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. On-line giving is also available, just go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. 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:

- **Sarah Schuringa**, hip replacement surgery on Wednesday.
- **Margaret Miedema**, effective treatments.
- **Eilleen Vant Hoff**, hip surgery recovery at home.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Eden Homan**, wisdom for doctors and Ben and Alyssa on a surgery.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 24, 9:30 AM: WIEA (Wisconsin Inmate Education Association) Update in Worship

The youth group leaders are looking for people within our church that are willing to help us with childcare for our children. This will be on Wednesday nights when we have youth group from 6:30-9:15. If you are willing to help, please contact Noah Mulder or Tyler and Jessica Ten Pass. Thank you!

Men's Bible Study. Pastor Greg is planning to lead a 10-session Men's Bible Study using the book *Finishing Strong: Going the Distance for Your Family* by Steve Farrar. We'll be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays starting at 6:30 PM (the same time as the Women's evening Bible Study) beginning on September 27. This study will benefit men of all ages as well as the people we influence around us. Please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupunrc.com) or the church office (waupunrc@gmail.com) by September 15 for more information and to register.

Juniors and Seniors: Catechism will begin on September 10, at 8:30 AM. If you have any questions, please talk to Al Venhuizen or Sarah Schuringa.

Sunday School and Catechism for grades 10 and under will start on September 17.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love

and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:23-25. The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team! The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of three men and one woman to join our team as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. As a high school youth group mentor, you'll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with life's challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net, Bryant Greenfield at bryant.greenfield@gmail.com, Noah Mulder at swdnoahmulder@gmail.com or one of the church education team members if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

We received two copies of the book **"Your Story is Our Story"** from World Renew. It is on the table in the narthex if you would like to read it. Please return it so others can read it as well.

The Women's Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will meet every Wednesday beginning September 13, at 1:00, in the upstairs classroom. We will be using the 12-week study from Faith Alive, "Discover: Genesis, The Beginning of the Story." Please contact Linda Pausma or Sue Buwalda if you're interested in joining us.

A new Women's Bible Study is coming this fall! We will be meeting every other Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 here at church in the upper room. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, and we will be studying the Psalms. All are welcome! Contact Sarah Schuringa with questions, or to register.

Community News

Auction Countdown is On!!! The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the Wild, Wild West Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2023. We're excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open up on September 17, with the live event set for Friday, September 22. Please register, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all of the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11 AM. Once you register,

we'll prepare your personalized auction packet and have you ready to roll when you arrive. Don't miss this great night—wear your western-themed costume, and take along some friends as together we impact the lives of the kids.

The **Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Fall Benefit** is Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Juneau Community Center. There will be a dinner buffet, speaker, and silent auction. You must register ahead of time. See more details and the registration form on the table in the narthex.

Pray for People Impacted by Wildfires in Canada - In the last two weeks, wildfires have forced more than 50,000 people from their homes in Kelowna, British Columbia; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT); and the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people affected by wildfires in Canada this year: pray for safety for families evacuating danger zones; pray for those who have been injured. Pray too for military personnel and emergency crews; pray for wisdom and swift action among authorities and leaders. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please go to worldrenew.net to support World Renew DRS programs.

Calendar

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

Next Week

Accompanist
Laura Ten Pass

Livestream
Brad Mulder

Coffee
Randall and Kim Greenfield

PPT
Beth Schlieve

Children's Worship
Mackenzie Mulder, Jenna Schouten,
Morgan Buwalda

Sound System
Scott Ritzema

Nursery
Emily Aalsma, Jessica Ten Pass,
Elliana Mulder

Ushers
Brad Schouten, Owen Mulder

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King - Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice - All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light - And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice - And trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God - Sing with me - How great is our God

And all will see how great - How great is our God

Verse 2: And age to age He stands - And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End - Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one - Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb - The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge: Name above all names - Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing - How great is our God

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How Great Thou Art

Verse 1: O Lord my God - When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds - Thy hands have made

I see the stars - I hear the rolling thunder

Thy pow'r thru'out - The universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul - My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art - How great Thou art

Then sings my soul - My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art - How great Thou art

Verse 2: When through the woods - And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds - Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down - From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook - And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3: And when I think - That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in
That on the cross - My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died - To take away my sin

Verse 4: When Christ shall come - With shout of acclamation
And take me home - What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow - In humble adoration
And there proclaim - My God how great Thou art

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What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1: You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High - Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is - What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King - What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this - What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2: You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down - My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is - What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King - What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this - What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus - What a wonderful Name it is - The Name of Jesus

Bridge: Death could not hold You - The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave - The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory - For You are raised to life again

Bridge: You have no rival - You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign - Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory - Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is - What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King - What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against - What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending: What a powerful Name it is - The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is - The Name of Jesus

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Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. **He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:** in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

Verse 1: Be Thou my vision - O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me - Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought - By day or by night

Waking or sleeping - Thy presence my light

Verse 2: Be Thou my wisdom - Be Thou my true Word

I ever with Thee - And Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father - I Thy true son

Thou in me dwelling - And I with Thee one

Verse 3: Riches I heed not - Nor man's empty praise

Thou mine inheritance - Now and always

Thou and Thou only - Be first in my heart

High King of heaven - My treasure Thou art

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Take My Life And Let It Be (Hendon)

Verse 1: Take my life and let it be - Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days - Let them flow in endless praise
Let them flow in endless praise

Verse 2: Take my hands and let them move - At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be - Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 4: Take my silver and my gold - Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use - Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Verse 5: Take my will and make it Thine - It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart—it is Thine own - It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

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Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

Verse 4: High King of heaven - My victory won
May I reach heaven's joys - O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart - Whatever befall
Still be my vision - O Ruler of all

2 Cor 8:16-9:15

¹⁶ I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. ¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. ¹⁸ And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. ¹⁹ What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. ²⁰ We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. ²¹ For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

²² In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and

an honor to Christ. ²⁴ Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.

^{9:1} There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints.

² For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴ For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident. ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Why God's People Excel in Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:16 – 9:15

1. You insist that things in the h ch
get done .
2. You are familiar with the reciprocal
 ing of ing .
3. You just can't it!
4. You are truly h ring ' W .
5. You have a mi ion y h .

God of the Seasons

In summer, I walked along Your ocean
I felt the grains of sand, slip through my hand
You count them as they fall

In Autumn, I watch You paint the trees
The perfect canopy, ablaze for me
You bring me to my knees

**(Chorus) You are the God of the seasons
You stay constant in change
You write my story, and I know
Only You turn the page
You watch my coming and going
Now and forevermore
You give me hope, You give me reason
For You are the God, the God of all my seasons.**

In Winter as the snow falls down
A blanket of white, You make all things right
My head a crystal crown

In Spring, when everything is new
The sparrow's flight back home, you tell them where to roam
For us the flowers grew

And so it's true....

(Chorus)

(Bridge) You're not a God that takes away without giving
Creator of all, the things that have passed
God of the Living
You Are and Were and Am still to come, Beginning and the End
Faithful lover, the sinner's friend

(Chorus)

Cara Schmitt
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