

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

*God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "**All Things Bright and Beautiful**" G435

Chorus: All things bright and beautiful -All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful - The Lord God made them all

Verse 1: Each little flower that opens - Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors - He made their tiny wings

Verse 2: The purple-headed mountain - The river running by
The sunset and the morning - That brightens up the sky

Verse 3: The cold wind in the winter - The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden - He made them every one

Verse 4: He gave us eyes to see them - And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty - Who has made all things well

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"**How Great Thou Art**" G483

Verse 1: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder - Consider all
the works Thy hand hath made - I see the stars I hear the mighty
thunder - Thy power throughout 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: But 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 shall I bow in
humble adoration - And there proclaim, "my God how great Thou art"

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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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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Verse: Lord, I lift Your name on high - Lord, I love to sing Your praises - I'm so glad You're in my life - I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth - To show the way
From the earth to the cross - My debt to pay - From the cross to the grave - From the grave to the sky - Lord, I lift Your name on high

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Children's Focus

*Song of Worship: **"God Is So Good"** R193

Verse 1: God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me

Verse 2: He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.

Verse 3: He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me

Verse 4: God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me

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Congregational Prayer

Homes in the Community (especially marriages, parents and children) – *Elder Ken Homan*

Churches in the Community, seeking to reach the lost, serving those in need and making disciples – *Elder Steve Smits*

God's Protection for Police, Firefighters, other First Responders, and God's help for our City Government and various boards and commissions that give leadership and direction to Waupun to help our city thrive – *Elder Steve Homan*

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

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

*Scripture Reading: Various

Message: "God's Creation, Nature, and our Redemption in Christ!"

Our World Belongs to God Creation

7. Our world belongs to God—not to us or earthly powers, not to demons, fate, or chance. The earth is the Lord's.

8. In the beginning, God—Father, Word, and Spirit—called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order.

9. God formed sky, land, and sea; stars above, moon and sun, making a world of color, beauty, and variety—a fitting home for plants and animals, and us—a place to work and play, worship and wonder, love and laugh. God rested and gave us rest. In the beginning everything was very good.

10. Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.

11. Together, male and female, single and married, young and old—every hue and variety of humanity—we are called to represent God, for the Lord God made us all. Life is God's gift to us, and we are called to foster the well-being of all the living, protecting from harm the unborn and the weak, the poor and the vulnerable.

12. Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part, we are assured that God is with us in our world, holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to his purpose. The confidence that the Lord is faithful gives meaning to our days and hope to our years. The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

Fall

13. In the beginning of human history, our first parents walked with God. But rather than living by the Creator's word of life, they listened to the serpent's lie and fell into sin. In their rebellion they tried to be like God. As sinners, Adam and Eve feared the nearness of God and hid.

14. Fallen in that first sin, we prove each day that apart from grace we are guilty sinners: we fail to thank God, we break God's laws, we ignore our tasks. Looking for life without God, we find death; grasping for freedom outside the law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares; pursuing pleasure, we lose the gift of joy.

15. When humans deface God's image, the whole world suffers: we abuse the creation or idolize it; we are estranged from our Creator, from our neighbor, from our true selves, and from all that God has made.

16. All spheres of life—family and friendship, work and worship, school and state, play and art—bear the wounds of our rebellion. Sin is present everywhere—in pride of race, arrogance of nations, abuse of the weak and helpless, disregard for water, air, and soil, destruction of living creatures, slavery, murder, terror, and war, worship of false gods, the mistreatment of our bodies, and our frantic efforts to escape reality. We become victims of our own sin.

17. In all our striving to excuse or save ourselves, we stand condemned before the God of truth. But our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God, who holds it together and gives us hope.

Redemption in Christ

18. While justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love. With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom.

19. Although Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden and their days burdened by the weight of sin, the Lord held on to them in love and promised to crush the evil forces they had unleashed.

20. When evil filled the earth, God judged it with a flood but rescued Noah and his family and animals of every kind. He covenanted with all creatures that seasons will continue and that such destruction will not come again until the last day when the Lord returns to make all things new.

21. The Lord promised to be God to Abraham, Sarah, and their children, calling them to walk faithfully before him and blessing the nations through them. God chose Israel to show the glory of his name, the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways. The Lord gave them

the law through Moses and led them by rulers and teachers, shaping a people in whom God is revealed—a light to the nations.

22. When Israel spurned God's love—lusting after other gods, trusting in power and wealth, and hurting the weak—God scattered them among the nations, yet kept a faithful remnant and promised them the Messiah: a prophet to speak good news, a king to crush evil and rule the earth with justice, a priest to be sacrificed for sinners. God promised to forgive their sins and give them a new heart and a new spirit, moving them to walk in his ways.

23. Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

24. As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected. In his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us. As God's true Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the coming rule of God.

25. Standing in our place, Jesus suffered during his years on earth, especially in the tortures of the cross. He carried God's judgment on our sin—his sacrifice removed our guilt. God raised him from the dead: he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—Lord of Life! We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion.

26. Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior. We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way. God's electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy.

27. Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him. There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Revelation and Consummation

31. God gives this world many ways to know him. The creation shows his power and majesty. He speaks through prophets, poets, and apostles, and, most eloquently, through the Son. The Spirit, active from the beginning, moved human beings to write the Word of God and opens our hearts to God's voice.

32. The Bible is the Word of God, the record and tool of his redeeming work. It is the Word of truth, breath of God, fully reliable in leading us to know God and to walk with Jesus Christ in new life.

33. The Bible tells the story of God's mighty acts in the unfolding of covenant history. As one revelation in two testaments the Bible reveals God's will and the sweep of God's redeeming work. Illumined and equipped by the Spirit, disciples of Jesus hear and do the Word, witnessing to the good news that our world belongs to God, who loves it deeply.

55. Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

56. We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

57. On that day we will see our Savior face to face, sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious. He will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked. We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior, whose shed blood declares us righteous. We live confidently, anticipating his coming, offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness, our loyalty, and our love—knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

58. With the whole creation we join the song: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and we will reign on earth. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

*Song of Response: **"When Morning Gilds the Sky"**

Verse 1: When morning gilds the skies - My heart awakening cries
May Jesus Christ be praised - Alike at work and prayer
I find my Lord is there - May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 2: To God the Word on high - The hosts of angels cry
May Jesus Christ be praised - Let mortals too upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise - May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 3: Let earth's wide circle round - In joyful notes resound

May Jesus Christ be praised - Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply - May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 4

Be this when day is past – of all our thoughts the last
May Jesus Christ be praised – The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say - May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 5

Then let us join to sing – to Christ our loving king
May Jesus Christ be praised – be this the eternal king
Through all the ages long - May Jesus Christ be praised

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*Benediction

*Closing Song: **“Step By Step”**

O, God, You are my God - And I will ever praise You

O, God, You are my God - And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning - And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me - And I will follow You all of my days

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Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (keyboard); Glen Navis (guitar); Kim Greenfield, Rachel Hoffman (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Alyssa Homan
- Nursery: Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Morgan Buwalda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Noah Mulder, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

D Rens to Neen/Angel

S Ritzema 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 (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.
- **Lois Pausma**, health.
- **Jared Regnerus family**, funeral services for Jared this past Saturday, sympathy to the family.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 20: Sunday School/Catechism Teacher Commissioning in Worship.
- October 4: Lord's Supper in Worship.

Sunday School, Catechism and High School Youth Group all begin on September 20. Please keep an eye out for details as that day gets closer. We look forward to building on our High School Youth Group from last year after having our own youth group at First again starting last church season. We're thankful for our dedicated youth group leaders. Students, please invite your friends to join you at our youth group on Sunday evenings!

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.

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.

Back to School Prayer. Thank you to those who gathered at Central Wisconsin Christian and other schools in our community last Sunday afternoon to pray for our students and educators as this new school year begins. Like last year, these gatherings were wonderful times of seeking God's face in our need for His presence and blessing in and on our schools. We know that God hears the prayers of His people! (Psalm 145:18; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 John 5:14).

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

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.



Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Elders Meeting (Upper Room)
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

Curt and Judy Groen

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Joy Mulder

Nursery

Hailey Bresser, Lynnae Franken,
Elliana Mulder

Livestream

Nathan Coda

PPT

Lois Mulder

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

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).