

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.

Sunday School and Catechism for K – 12th graders is currently on summer break.

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 (waupuncrc.com) or our denomination's website (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 (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.

9:30 AM Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Only a Holy God" "Be Unto Your Name"

Time of Confession and Assurance: Psalm 51:1-12; Psalm 103:8-13

Congregational Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed G814

Offering for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" G280

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

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:22-32

Message: "Ephesians #13: Taking Classes in the School of Christ"

Prayer

Song of Response: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" G528

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" G320

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Rachel Hoffman, Michelle Mulder (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Randall Greenfield, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Tirzah Ritzema
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Jenna Mulder, Troy Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ben and Jonah Mulder

Missionary Letters

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D Scheuers 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 (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. 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:

- **Brian Bresser**, recovery at home after a farming accident and surgery.
- **Sophie Elizabeth Bresser**, born to Joe and Hailey Bresser this past Monday evening. Congratulations to Joe and Hailey and the whole Bresser family!
- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Norm Jansma**, treatments.
- **Peter Montsma**, has started hospice care.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, September 29 surgery to relieve her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemo continues every other week.

We have another wedding coming up soon. Miranda Vander Berg and Peter Zambo will be getting married next week. Help us celebrate this couple by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the tote in the narthex by **September 7**. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved.

Miranda Vander Berg and Peter Zambo will be united in marriage here on Saturday, September 6, at 3:00. The congregation is invited to the ceremony or watch it on livestream!

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 21—Commissioning of Teachers for the start of Sunday School and Catechism
- October 5—Lord's Supper in Worship

Profession of Faith Bibles. Today is the last day to highlight your favorite Bible verses in the Bibles we're giving to Ethan, Owen and Cody on the occasion of their Public Profession of Faith on August 24. The Bibles are on a table in the narthex across from the coffee. Please use this opportunity to encourage these young men in their faith!

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Block Party! It was our biggest one yet; we had so many young families and kids from the community and they expressed appreciation for this event. A special thanks

to those who were able to work at the event and those who donated food. We also thank Classis WI for their donation that helps cover expenses from the night.

Next Sunday cake will be served in the lower level after the worship service in honor of John and Arlene DeJager's 65th Wedding Anniversary.

New Life Groups - It is hard to believe that it has already been two years with our current Life Groups. From the beginning, we decided to create new groups every two years and will be working on the new groups in the next month. If you are currently in a group and do not wish to participate in the coming two-year cycle, please reach out to Gary & Katie or Mike & Bonnie by September 21. If we do not hear from you, we will add you to a new group. If you are currently not in a group, we would love to have you join us. Just reach out to Gary, Katie, Mike, or Bonnie by September 21. We plan to have the next groups set up by October 1.

First CRC Youth Group: A new year of Youth Group is here again. We plan to have our first meeting at Noah and Kenny's house for a bonfire at 6 PM on Sunday, September 14. There will be hot dogs and s'mores provided. Please bring your Bibles and lawn chairs with you as well. Looking forward to a great night! Hope to see you there!

Young Couples Life Group. This fall Pastor Greg and Sarah and Kevin and Andrea Buwalda plan to lead a Life Group for young couples (roughly, those who have been married 0-20 years) focusing on Christian Marriage. We look forward to exploring The Five Love Languages of Marriage on the first Sunday evening of each month starting October 5. Please let Pastor Greg or Sarah or Kevin or Andrea know if you'd like to be included in this monthly time to grow in marriage with others!

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study plan to start up on September 17. Genesis 25-50 continues this story of blessing—blessing in the midst of broken families, grief, famine, and other political powers. How will you be blessed in your discovery of God's story in Genesis? Please let Lois Mulder or Sue Buwalda (920-324-3929) know if you are interested in joining.

We would like to have a few more teachers for our Children's Worship program. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve as a Children's Worship teacher. This important and fun role allows you to share your faith and nurture the spiritual growth of our youngest members. Contact Mackenzie Mulder if you're interested or have any questions.

Friendship Club (Ministries) is a local organization supported by First CRC and Bethel, that seeks to help disabled individuals stay closer to Christ. Friendship is currently seeking passionate individuals to help with

this program. Males are encouraged to help out. If this is your calling, please contact Jean Jansen.

Community News

Oogstfeest at Central Wisconsin Christian will have a **Bake Sale** section in the auction on September 19! We are asking for your help to make it a success. Please consider baking your favorite cookies, bars, breads, pies, or other goodies to donate. All proceeds from the Bake Sale directly support CWC's mission of providing Christ-centered education. **Donations can be dropped off at school on Friday, September 19, by Noon** at the south side entrance. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to bless our school community!

Connections Breakfast - Our first ONE Waupun Breakfast for men is scheduled for September 20 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!

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County will be having their Fall Benefit 2025 – **Proclaiming the Gift of Life!** on Saturday, September 20, at the Juneau Community Center. If you would like more information, check out the July 2025 Newsletter on the table in the narthex or call the Center at 920-219-9305.

Denominational News

Support The Banner Magazine - The Banner's annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! thebanner.org/donate

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Elder's Meeting
Saturday:	3:00 PM	Vander Berg Wedding
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

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

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Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

Children’s Worship

Stacy Schaver, Hailey Bresser,
Adrianna Schuringa

Nursery

Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Heidi
Schaver

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Lois Mulder

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker and Brian O'Donovan

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	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)

Only A Holy God

Verse 1: Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Who else could make every king bow down

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles - Only a Holy God

Verse 2: What other beauty demands such praises

What other splendour outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice - Only a Holy God

Chorus: Come and behold Him - The One and the Only - Cry out sing holy

Forever a Holy God - Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3: What other glory consumes like fire

What other power can raise the dead

What other name remains undefeated - Only a Holy God

Verse 4: Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son - Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God - Only my Holy God

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1: We are a moment You are forever - Lord of the ages God before
time - We are a vapor You are eternal - Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty - Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory - Be unto Your name - Be unto Your name

Verse 2: We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save - You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

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Sermon Notes