

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

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

*Songs of Worship: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

"My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62)"

"Be Still for the Presence"

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; **teach us wisdom in our secret heart.** Send out your light, send out your truth, **and let them lead us to our home.** Take from us the weight of our sin, **that room might be made for the spirit of truth.** If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, **and the truth will set our spirits free.** Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, **and by this know that our service is faithful.** O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; **teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.**

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*Song of Assurance: "Like a River Glorious" R737

Congregational Prayer

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and ONE Waupun

Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"

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

*Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

Message: "A Prayer of Possibilities"

*Song of Response: "Victory in Jesus" R353

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" G188:1, 3, Chorus

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

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| • Sermon: Dr. Tim Vanden Langenberg | • Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder |
| • Congregational Prayer: Al Venhuizen | • Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Jessica Van Herwaarden, Randall Greenfield |
| • Accompanist: Brenda Hofman | • Children's Worship: Lyn Mulder, Kase Buwalda |
| • Worship Team: Brenda Hofman (piano); Heidi Smits, Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists) | |

- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolten Buwalda, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

Arky Navis to Neen/Angel*

Steve Navis 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.

Pastor Greg is on vacation this week and will be back Sunday, the 16th. On August 17 he will begin a study week.

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.

Mark your calendars! The Block Party will be on **Saturday, August 29**. The fun runs from 4-8 and will have 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!

There will be no specific office hours this week.

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**.

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.

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.

If you support Vasya and Maranda Hetysi and New Life Church in Ukraine, they have a new email address (mheytsi@gmail.com) and any support checks should be payable to Bethel Christian Reformed Church with Maranda Heytsi in the memo line and sent to Bethel CRC at 341 South Main Ave., Sioux Center, IA 51250.

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.

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!

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County's Fall Benefit is scheduled for September 19. You will find their July Newsletter, Fall Benefit Overview/ Invitation Letter, the Auction Donation and Dinner Ticket Registration forms on the table in the narthex.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

George and Karen Aalsma

PPT

Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Casey Homan, Ellie Mulder

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Nursery

Mackenze Mulder, Hailey Wagner,
Elsa Homan

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1: What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer - There is no more for
heaven now to give - He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus - For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2: The night is dark but I am not forsaken - For by my side the
Saviour he will stay - I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed - To this I hold my Shepherd will
defend me - Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3: No fate I dread I know I am forgiven - The future sure the price it
has been paid - For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave - To this I hold my sin has been defeated - Jesus now and ever is my plea - Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free - Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4: With every breath I long to follow Jesus - For he has said that he will bring me home - And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne - To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him - When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat - Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending: When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me - Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

Verse 1: My soul finds rest in God alone - My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes - And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me - I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus: O praise Him, hallelujah - My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing - My Redeemer, my God

Verse 2: Find rest, my soul, in God alone - Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold - I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go - Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow - Are harvested in heaven

Verse 3: I'll set my gaze on God alone - And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul - And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath - A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death - And I am His forever

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Be Still, for the Presence

Verse 1: Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now - With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found - We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord - The Holy One is here

Verse 2: Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire - With splendor He is crowned

How awesome is the sight - Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord - Is shining all around

Verse 3: Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal - To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him - In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord - Is moving in this place

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Speak O Lord

Verse 1: Speak O Lord as we come to You - To receive the food of Your
holy word - Take Your truth plant it deep in us - Shape and fashion us in
Your likeness - That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith - Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2: Teach us Lord full obedience - Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes - In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise - Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority - Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3: Speak O Lord and renew our minds - Help us grasp the heights of
Your plans for us - Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity - And by grace we'll stand on Your
promises - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built - And the earth is filled with Your glory

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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).