

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

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Amid the Thronging Worshipers" G239

Time of Confession and Assurance

God's Will for Our Lives

*Songs of Worship: "For You Are Holy"

"I Will Delight"

"On That Day"

Congregational Prayer

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise

Song of Worship: "The Church's One Foundation G502

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

*Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Message: "Building the Household of Faith at First #1: Covenant Essentials, Part 1"

*Song of Response: "You Are Our God; We Are Your People" G272

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg (keyboard/vocals); Lois Mulder (piano); Kim Greenfield, Jessica Ten Pass, Neil Venhuizen (vocalists)
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield
- Children's Worship: Jen Ritzema, Lenny Aalsma
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Becca Vree, Rynn Aalsma

- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Katie DeJager, Rachel Hoffman
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

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D Scheuers 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.
- **Dan Montsma**, knee surgery recovery.
- **Glen Navis**, knee surgery recovery.
- **Lois Pausma**, health.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 13: "Building the Household of Faith at First" sermon series begins, a study of 2 Timothy and Titus.
- September 20: Sunday School/Catechism Teacher Commissioning in Worship.
- October 4: Lord's Supper; World Communion Sunday.

Sunday School and Catechism will begin on Sept. 20! K-5th Grades will start in the Upper Room for a time of music and then move to the various upstairs classrooms for Sunday School; 6th–8th grades will meet in the basement; 9th/10th grades meeting place TBD; and 11th/12th grades will meet on the front porch of the Parsonage (please enter through the front door). All classes will meet after the morning service.

- Kindergarten: Phylicia Coda
- 1st grade: Jenna Mulder
- 2nd/3rd grade: Ben Homan
- 4th/5th grade: Dave Rens
- 6th/7th/8th grade: Jon Mulder, Rhonda Schouten, Al Venhuizen, Laura Venhuizen, Renae Venhuizen
- 9th/10th: Kevin Buwalda
- 11th/12th grade: Sarah Schuringa

Youth Group kick off night will be at 5:27 PM on Sunday, Sept. 20, at Noah and Kenny's house. Food and drink will be provided. Please bring your Bibles, lawn chairs, and a friend or two along for a great night of fellowship.

There are two more weddings—one that has already taken place and one coming up: Cassie Holden and Tanner Behrens, and Lexie DeJager and Jack Haase. (If we're missing anyone, please let us know!) Help us celebrate these couples by placing gift cards or donated household goods such as cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, etc, in the totes in the narthex. **Totes will be available until October 4.**

Younger Marrieds Life Group. This group is specifically designed for couples that have children at home in order to connect with and relate to others in a similar stage of life. To make childcare less of a burden, we ordinarily meet once a month (instead of 2x a month like other Life Groups) from 6 – 7:30 PM on a Sunday. We plan to start meeting on a Sunday in October. For more information or to join, please contact co-leaders **Kevin and Andrea Buwalda** or **Pastor Greg and Sarah Schuringa**.

First CRC's Home Visitation Ministry is beginning its second year! This ministry involves church members visiting other members who could use some extra care. This ministry is not a replacement for the ministry that our elders and pastor give to these members, but it provides extra care for those who could use that. If you would like to be part of a visiting team in this ministry or if you would like to receive visits, or know someone who could or should receive them, please contact elder Darrall Schaver (920-210-9061), who gives leadership to the Home Visitation Ministry on behalf of the elders.

First CRC's annual Profession of Faith Class is beginning soon—note it will be offered starting in September, not in January like in years past. Please be sure to contact Scott Ritzema (920-948-8185) to join and for details. Note that the elders are not planning another Profession of Faith class until a year from now when Scott is planning to teach it again.

You are invited to a Wednesday night Women's Bible Study starting on Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 at 1st CRC. We will meet once a month, and we will be using *Titus: Displaying the Gospel of Grace*. "In this 8-session Bible study, Courtney Doctor and Hunter Beless team up to explore every verse of Paul's letter to his friend Titus. You'll see the essential connection between right belief and right character and the way both testify to the goodness of the gospel. And you'll be reminded that our world will be attracted to the gospel when they see its beauty displayed in us." This study is appropriate for women of all ages. Invite a friend to join you! Contact Sarah Schuringa with questions or to sign up by September 23.

“Called to Be a Keeper”: Have you ever wondered what it means to be a godly woman in today’s world? What your role is as a woman in God’s plan, or how to balance the many responsibilities of life while continuing to grow in your walk with Him? If so, you’re not alone! **Called to Be a Keeper** is a Bible study that has been so nourishing to my faith and has helped me explore these very questions. Now, I’d love to share it with others! Rooted in **Titus 2:3–5** and **Proverbs 31**, we explore God’s priorities for women, our homes, our families, and our walk with Christ. We’ll dive into practical, biblical ways to grow spiritually, manage our homes, cultivate hospitality, simplify cooking, and faithfully live out our God-given calling. **Interested in diving into this study?** Contact **Mackenzie** for more information! **920-344-1633**

After the worship service this morning, anyone who works with or teaches the youth of our church are asked to meet in front of the sanctuary to **sign the Code of Ethics**. This would include Sunday School and Catechism teachers, youth group leaders, GEMS and Cadet leaders, etc.

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**.

Calling All Bakers! Do you have a favorite pie, batch of cookies, loaf of bread, or other homemade treat that friends and family always request? Put your baking skills to work for a great cause! CWC is looking for donations of homemade baked goods for the Harvest Auction on September 18. Every donated treat supports CWC’s mission of providing Christ-centered education. Thank you for baking, giving, and supporting CWC students and families! Baked good donations can be dropped off at CWC on September 18, 8 AM-12 PM.

Community News

Join us for Central Wisconsin Christian’s annual Harvest Auction on Friday, September 18! More than a night of great food, fellowship, and bidding, the Harvest Auction is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference for CWC students and families. Funds raised support the school’s mission of providing Christ-centered education while helping keep Christian education accessible for families. Whether you come to bid, enjoy dinner, or simply be part of the evening, your participation makes an impact. We invite you to join us September 18 and be part of this special night of community and generosity! Register at www.cwcauction.com.

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!

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Code of Ethics Signing for Youth Workers
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Deacons Meeting (Upper Room)
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (Lower Level)
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Mike Vander Berg

Coffee

Curt and Judy Groen

PPT

Jessica Van Herwaarden

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Jenna Schouten

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Hollie Ganz, Emily Aalsma, Jenna Schouten

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Noah Mulder

For You Are Holy

Verse 1: O God there's none like You - In all the earth in all the earth
O God who can compare to You to You - Only You have no beginning
Only You could make the skies - Only You are truth unending
Only You are always wise - Lord there is none like You

Chorus: For You are holy - You are holy
For You are holy - Lord You are holy

Verse 2: O God there's none like You - In all the earth in all the earth
O God who can compare to You to You - Only You are never sinning
Only You have never lied - Only You cannot be tempted
Only You can never die - Lord there is none like You

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I Will Delight

Verse: I will delight in the law of the Lord - I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be - Grounded in Your Word

Chorus: Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord - Blessed is the one

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On That Day

Verse 1: I believe in Christ risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection death has lost its hold
I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

Chorus: On that day - We will see You shining brighter than the sun
On that day - We will know You as we lift our voice as one
'Til that day - We will praise You for Your never ending grace
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

Verse 2: What a blessed hope though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne
Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory waits - Beyond the grave

Bridge: Hallelujah what a day it will be - For at home with You my joy is
complete - As I run into Your arms open wide I will see
My Father who is waiting for me

Tag 1: My Father who is waiting for me

Tag 2: And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

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My Friends May You Grow In Grace

Verse: My friends may you grow in grace - And in the knowledge
Of our Lord and Savior - My friends may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge - Of Jesus Christ

Refrain: To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever - Amen
To God be the glory - Now and forever - Now and forever - Amen

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Sermon Notes

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