

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

Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
"Great Things"

*Song of Confession and Assurance: "Have Mercy on Me"

Baptism of Kyla Joy Ruis

*Song of Dedication: "Our Children, Lord in Faith and Prayer" G270

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" G543

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

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:7-17

Message: "Zechariah #2: Do You See What I See? Our Rider in the Storm"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "When Peace Like a River" G489

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" vs 1, 3

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Hollie Ganz, Kim Greenfield (vocalists)
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Jake Van Herwaarden, Gladys Montsma
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits
- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Grace Bruins

- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey Wagner, Elsa Homan
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

C Schmitt to Neen/Angel

B Schouten 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 (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:

- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Catherine Jansma**, after some time in hospice, recently passed away. Our sympathy to brother Ken (and Elaine) Homan and brother-in-law Norm (and Shirley) Jansma.
- **Norm Jansma**, two more chemotherapy treatments, tests look good so far.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, hernia surgery this Tuesday.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, September 29 surgery to relieve her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers after Brian's accident and during his recovery.
- Brian and Flora Bresser

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

Sunday School and Catechism start next week Sunday! 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 and 9th-11th graders will meet in the basement after church.

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

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 **TONIGHT**. 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. Starting on Sunday evening, October 5, 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. 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 and in your faith with others!

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study starts on September 17 at 1 PM. Genesis 25-50 continues this story of blessing—blessing in the midst of broken families, grief, famine, and other political powers. If you are interested in joining, please grab a study guide out of Sue's mailbox.

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.

Church Email List: If you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

Community News

CWC Oogstfeest Harvest Auction 2025: Join us on Friday, Sept. 19, at Central Wisconsin Christian for our annual Oogstfeest Harvest Auction! Enjoy a delicious meal beginning at 4:30 PM, followed by the live auction at

6:30 PM. Please note: A ticket is required to receive a bidder number. Tickets are available through the auction website: https://onecau.se/_bhfes1. Come for food, fellowship, and a great evening of supporting Christian education!

Oogstfeest at Central Wisconsin Christian will have a **Bake Sale** section in the auction on Sept. 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, Sept. 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.

The Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction will be held on September 24 from 4:30-7:00 PM. Cake Auction will start at 6:00. Carryouts are available by using drive-through service. Soups: Chili, Stuffed Pepper, Cheesy Potato Ham, and Chicken Noodle. Join them for a wonderful night of fellowship and great food. All proceeds will benefit the youth group.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Youth Group – Bonfire at Noah and Kennys's
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 1
	5:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
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

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

Children’s Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Rachel Hoffman,
Morgan Buwalda

Nursery

Jessica Ten Pass, Aubryn DeJager,
Joy Mulder

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

PPT

Katie DeJager

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Kolton Buwalda, Andy Schlieve

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)

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Verse 1: What is our hope in life and death - Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence - That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand - What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end - The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus: O sing hallelujah - Our hope springs eternal - O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess - Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2: What truth can calm the troubled soul - God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known - In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise - Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh - Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3: Unto the grave what will we sing - Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring - Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord - Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy - When Christ is ours forevermore

Great Things

Verse 1: Come let us worship our King - Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things - See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes - He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave - You free every captive and break every chain - O God You have done great things - We dance in Your freedom awake and alive - O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high - O God You have done great things

Verse 2: You've been faithful through every storm - You'll be faithful forevermore - You have done great things
And I know You will do it again - For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things - God You do great things

Bridge: Hallelujah, God above it all – Hallelujah, God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things - (REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending: You have done great things - O God You do great things

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Have Mercy On Me

Verse 1: Lamb of God You take away - The sin of the world
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Chorus: Lord, have mercy – Christ, have mercy – Lord, have mercy on me
Lord, have mercy - Christ, have mercy - (Lord), Have mercy on me

Verse 2: Lamb of God I'm asking You - To take away my sin
I confess that I've done wrong - I need Your help again

Verse 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ - Cleanses me from sin
The precious blood of Jesus Christ - Cleanses me from sin

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Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Verse 1: Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone - Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own - In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever - Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Verse 3: Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me - Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free - Here my Spirit's power filled you - here his tender comfort stilled you - Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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Sermon Notes