

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 classes for K – 12th graders meet after the morning worship service.

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

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Turn Your Eyes" "Sovereign Over Us"

*Song of Commitment: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Commission of our Sunday School and Catechism Teachers

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "The Servant Song" R424:1,2, 4-6

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

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:18-21

Message: "Zechariah #3: Do You See What I See? Help is On the Way"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "This is My Father's World" R143

*Benediction

*Song of Blessing: "He is Exalted" R36

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Lois Mulder (piano); Grace Bruins, Heidi Smits (vocalists)
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Katie DeJager, Randall Greenfield
- Coffee: Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie Mulder, Rachel Hoffman, Morgan Buwalda
- Nursery: Jessica Ten Pas, Aubryn DeJager, Joy Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Kolton Buwalda, Andy Schlieve

Missionary Letters

M Schouten to Neen/Angel*
T 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:

- **Gary Bossenbroeck, Jim Groenewold, Dick Heeringa, Kathy Kamphuis, Pat Loomans, Shirley Otto, Delores Vande Kolk, and Nancy Wierenga** who are unable to worship with us these days .
- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments have concluded!
- **Norm Jansma**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Peter Montsma**, in hospice care.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, had successful surgery this past week and is home and we pray for full recovery.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, September 29 surgery to relieve her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

We would love to thank our amazing church family for all the prayers, support and meals the past few months after surgeries and during my cancer treatments. A special thank you to Pastor Greg for the phone calls, texts and visits.
- Mike and Rachel Hoffman and family

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- October 5—Lord's Supper in Worship

Praise God for little children! God has blessed us with new babies and has filled our Sunday School and children's worship classes. What a blessing to hear the sound of kids singing and participating on Sunday morning. With more young children in church comes the need to provide more seating for them and their families so they may exit as needed with as little distraction as possible. Please keep the marked benches at the back of the sanctuary reserved for them. **Please also remember** to keep the benches with wheelchair space open so they may be used by the families that need them.

The First CRC Council is looking for a new **Disbursing Treasurer** after Keren Derksen plans to retire from this position in June 2026 after many years of faithful service. The part-time job requires approximately 10 hours of work per week. Keren is willing to do on-the-job training until the new

Disbursing Treasurer is comfortable with the responsibilities of the position. Ideally, we'll have someone starting to learn by Spring of 2026, some months before Keren retires. Please contact any elder or deacon on Executive if you have interest or know someone who may be interested as Council gathers names. Executive Committee members are: Al Venhuizen (Chair), Mike Vander Berg (Vice Chair), Steve Homan (Clerk), Kirk Van Buren (Deacon Chair), Adam Franken (Deacon Secretary).

Sunday School and Catechism start TODAY! 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-8th grade: Jon Mulder
- 9th-12th 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.

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.

GEMS has started a Free Little Library for all of their girls and is looking for any devotionals or books that would be applicable to girls in 3rd-8th grade. Please get those books to Annie Syens, or Lyn Mulder, Casey Homan or Aubryn DeJager. Thanks in advance for your help!! These books go fast!

Community News

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
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism
 4:27 PM Youth Group (at church)
Wednesday: 1:00 PM Women’s Bible Study – Lesson 2
Thursday: 6:30 PM Worship Committee
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday
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Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children’s Worship

Emily Mulder, Casey Homan, Hailey Bresser

Nursery

Phylicia Coda, Kaytlin Ruis, Morgan Buwalda

Livestream

Brad Mulder

PPT

Cody Van Herwaarden

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Brian and Cody Van Herwaarden

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)

Turn Your Eyes

Verse 1: Turn your eyes upon Jesus - Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Verse 2: Turn your eyes to the hillside - Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus: Jesus to You we lift our eyes - Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Verse 3: Turn your eyes to the morning - And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone - For we carry His life in our veins

Verse 4: Turn your eyes to the heavens - Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout - All glory to Jesus alone

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Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1: There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning - With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2: You are working in our waiting - Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper - You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood - Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3: You are wisdom unimagined - Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens - Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4: You're the lifter of the lowly - Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me - And Your promises are my delight

Bridge: You turn it for our good - You turn it for our good
And for Your glory - Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good - You're working for our good
And for Your glory (REPEAT)

Ending: Faithful forever perfect in love - You are sov'reign over us

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Holy Spirit

Verse 1: Holy Spirit living Breath of God - Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord - Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me - Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity - Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2: Holy Spirit come abide within - May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin - In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least - Gentleness that sows the path of
peace - Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3: Holy Spirit from creation's birth - Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth - Cause Your church to hunger for Your
ways - Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise - Lead us on the road of sacrifice -
That in unity the face of Christ - May be clear for all the world to see

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Brother Bob Phillipines Monthly Ministry Report (August 2025)

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

We are continually blessed by God's grace and unwavering presence. He hears our prayers and remains steadfast in His love, even amidst the challenges we face. The hardship endured by our farmers weighs heavily on our hearts. It's disheartening to witness their struggles with natural calamities and unfair treatment from traders, compounded by the government's lack of support. These honest, hard-working individuals deserve protection and fair compensation for their labor. We fervently pray for a resolution to this dire situation.

We mourn the loss of many beloved elderly in our community, most of whom succumb to old age after enduring years of suffering from strokes. While we grieve their passing, we find solace in knowing they now rest peacefully in the Lord's presence, free from pain.

We are grateful for the opportunity to extend a helping hand to those in need within our community and in other villages, particularly the elderly, widows and those who are alone and needy. It is a privilege to serve the Lord by sharing Christ's love with them.

The men in prison are also deeply appreciative of the Word, and I am blessed to serve as the Lord's servant. We are praying for the upcoming activities for the men and their families, including a week filled with sports, games and messages from the Bible. Please pray that many souls will be touched and saved through these events.

Angel and I are profoundly thankful for your unwavering support of our ministry. We sincerely hope and pray that you will continue to stand with us, enabling us to assist our needy people and allowing me to continue sharing the Bible in prisons.

Please continue to pray for my complete healing. I remain on maintenance medication and I earnestly pray that the Lord will grant me complete healing so that I may no longer require medication. We also ask for your prayers for our ministry, that we may reach countless souls for the Lord. May the Lord continue to strengthen us and heal us completely enabling us to fulfill His purpose for us.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support. May the Lord bless you with good health.

In Christ love
Neen and Angel

Sermon Notes