

9/24/2023

# First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping the Lord together with us today. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join us here at First CRC! You will find a guest card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering bag during the service so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)). Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: [pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com).

**Large-print bulletins** and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher.

You can watch our services live on Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com)

**Our Core Values:** We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**  
WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

**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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**PO Box 32, Waupun**

9:30 AM Worship Service  
\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "Lord Most High" "The Love of God" R157  
"Be Unto Your Name"

Song of Confession and Assurance: "I Know Whom I Have Believed"  
R527:1, 3, 4

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Song of Worship: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

*Children ages 3-6 are invited to children's worship while we sing*

\*Scripture Reading: Luke 7:11-17 (ESV)

Message: "He Carries Our Sorrows"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" R79

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Lord of the Universe" (inside back cover of Grey Psalter)

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Al Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Worship Team: Brian Ten Pass; Laura Ten Pass (piano); Hollie Ganz, Jessica Ten Pass, Tyler Ten Pass (vocals)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Katie DeJager, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld

- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Sophia Schuringa, Heidi Schaver
- Nursery: Becca Vree, Beth Schlieve, Jonah Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

**Missionary Letters**

M Vander Berg to Neen  
S Vander Galien 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 and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (REACH Waupun for September; Gideons for October), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. On-line giving is also available, just go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.

**REACH Waupun Vision and Mission:** REACH strives to bring about positive, lasting change in the lives of Waupun area youth. REACH commits to improving the physical, social, emotional, and economic health and well-being of Waupun area youth through building relationships and providing opportunities.

## **Council Notes**

- Received and reviewed information on upgrading the church parking lot.
- Approved delegates to Classis Wisconsin on September 26: Pastor Greg Schuringa, Elder Al Venhuizen, Deacon Mitch Vree.
- Approved sending to Classis for renewal of licensure to exhort for Scott Ritzema, Al Venhuizen, and Gregg Zonnefeld.
- Safe Church reports code of conduct forms were presented to all those who are involved in church ministries with our youth.
- Technology Committee reported on the progress of updating our security system.

## **Our Family**

**As you pray this week, please remember the following:**

- Funeral services for **Pastor Greg's** father were held on Friday.
- **Sarah Schuringa**, hip surgery recovery.
- **Carol Greenfield**, recovery from a fall. Cards can be sent to c/o Jane Vanden Brink, 606 Iowa Ave SW, Orange City, IA 51041.
- **Margaret Miedema**, effective treatments.
- **Kathy Kamphuis, Laura Ten Pass**, cancer treatments.
- **Eden Homan**, back surgery on October 11.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and that's next week!** There are so many different ways we can show our appreciation for Pastor Greg and his family—please remember them in prayer and let them know how/why you appreciate their ministry here at First CRC,

## Church News

### Upcoming Worship Highlights

- **October 1: Communion** (World Communion Sunday)
- **October 29: WIEA** (Wisconsin Inmate Education Association) **Update in Worship**

**The youth group leaders are looking for people** within our church that are willing to help us with childcare for our children. This will be on Wednesday nights when we have youth group from 6:30-9:15. If you are willing to help, please contact Noah Mulder or Tyler and Jessica Ten Pass. Thank you!

**Men's Bible Study.** Our first meeting is planned for this Wednesday at 6:30 PM on the lower level of the church around the tables by the kitchen. The books will be available by that time or, for those who registered, they'll be in your church mailbox today if they arrived.

**Life Group Reshuffling** - After two great years of having life groups, it is now time to restructure all of the groups. All of you will find a note in your mailbox with more information. If you currently are not part of a life group, this would be an excellent time for you to join in on the fun. Please fill out the bottom of the sheet or sign up online TODAY. If you have any questions, talk to Gary and Katie or Mike and Bonnie.

**The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team!** The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 1 woman to join our team as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. As a high school youth group mentor, you'll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with life's challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at [cjvliet@charter.net](mailto:cjvliet@charter.net), Bryant Greenfield at [bryant.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:bryant.greenfield@gmail.com), Noah Mulder at [swdnoahmulder@gmail.com](mailto:swdnoahmulder@gmail.com) or one of the church education team members if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

## Community News

**Bethel Church of Brandon Junior High Soup Supper and Cake Auction** is October 4, 2023, at Brandon Bethel from 4:30 to 7:00 PM, with the cake auction starting at 6:00 PM. Carryout will be available by using drive-through

service. Soups are chili, stuffed pepper, cheesy potato ham, and chicken noodle. All proceeds will benefit the youth group.

**We are looking for volunteers to help with our efforts.** Pie making times are Wednesday, Oct. 18 (noon to 8 PM), and Thursday (8 AM to 8 PM). No need to sign up. Simply show up and we will put you to work. If you have any questions, call the Randolph Christian School office at 920-326-3320 or Paula Van Buren at 920-210-4853. Or join us at RCS on Oct. 3 at 8:30 AM when we are having a combination coffee, donuts, and apple pie prep time. Anyone is welcome to this event as we assemble and label boxes.

**It's apple pie time!** Randolph Christian school is once again kicking off Fall with our annual Apple Pie fundraiser. Our Apple pies are made with fresh Wisconsin apples, sweetened with sugar and cinnamon, and topped with our homemade butter crumb topping. Pies are \$14 each and will be made Oct. 18-19. If you would like to place an order, contact any RCS family (they deliver!) or call the school office at 920-326-3320.

**PARENTS**  
*Night Out*

SEPT. 29TH | 6:00-9:00 PM\*  
AGES: 4K-5TH GRADE  
1 WEST MAIN STREET WAUPUN  
\*PARENTS CAN PICK UP EARLIER

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Space is limited to 25 children, so register soon!

### Calendar

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|-------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Today:</b>     | 8:30 AM  | 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism |
|                   | 9:30 AM  | Worship Service                                       |
|                   | 10:45 AM | Sunday School and Catechism                           |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 9:00 AM  | Coffee Break at Bethel CRC                            |
|                   | 1:00 PM  | Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)                      |
|                   | 6:30 PM  | Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)                      |
|                   | 6:30 PM  | Men's Bible Study                                     |

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism  
 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**PPT**

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**Coffee**

Al and LeAnne Holden

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Children's Worship**

Kim Greenfield, Adrianna Schuringa,  
 Jonah Mulder

**Transportation**

Bob Mulder

**Nursery**

Jen Ritzema, Emily Aalsma, Taylor  
 Hoffman

**Ushers**

Andy Schlieve  
 Brad Schouten

**Livestream**

Rachel Hoffman

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

**Lord Most High**

**Verse:** From the ends of the earth (ECHO) - From the depths of the sea (ECHO) - From the heights of the heavens (ECHO) - Your name be praised  
 From the hearts of the weak (ECHO) - From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)  
 From the lips of all people (ECHO) - This song we raise Lord

**Chorus:** Throughout the endless ages - You will be crowned with praises  
 Lord Most High - Exalted in every nation  
 Sovereign of all creation - Lord Most High be magnified

## **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

**Ending:** Be unto Your name

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## **Wonderful Merciful Savior**

**Verse 1:** Wonderful merciful Savior - Precious Redeemer and Friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb - Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

**Chorus:** You are the One that we praise - You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace - Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

**Verse 2:** Counselor Comforter Keeper - Spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts - Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

**Verse 3:** Almighty infinite Father - Faithfully loving Your own

Here in our weakness You find us - Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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## **Ministry and Health Update from Neen and Angel**

Praise God for His goodness and mercy that he bestows upon us., I am grateful to the Lord for the strength he provides for me every day. Though not totally well my health is improving as I do some walking exercises every day. There are days that I feel better, and there are days not feeling well, still grateful for the strength, the medicine is helping me to recover gradually. I

went back to the doctor three days ago and he still wants me to continue taking all the medicines he prescribed to me a month ago. I'm taking seven kinds of medicine and two supplements, he adjusted some of the dosages of the medicines.

I'm not losing hope that I can still back to the prisons and be able to share Jesus with the men and women there. And be able to visit people and help them with their needs those who are sick elderly and widows. I'm praying for God's mercy that he will restore my health. Though I have fear, I just need to trust him constantly, especially in my situation I know He will never leave me nor forsake me and I hold on to that promise.

Thank you so much for being patient with me, and for supporting our needs here. It is a big help for us here, especially for me. I am also thankful for all your prayers for us.

I know many are suffering in some part of the world and devastated because of what happened to them and to their loved ones In calamities. I just prayed for them for strength and comfort as well.

Thank you for being there for us, as we face this trial. May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Your sisters in Christ , Neen and Angel

## **Sermon Notes**