

9/29/2024

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 or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (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.

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

You can watch our services live on YouTube (First CRC Waupun) and view the bulletin on our website: 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.



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

PO Box 32, Waupun

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting:

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*Songs of Worship: "Your Name" "All Heaven Declares"

Song of Confession: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" G556:1, 3

Assurance:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Song of Response to Assurance: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in My"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Local Budget and REACH Waupun

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-21

Message: "Press on Towards the Goal"

Prayer

*Song of Commitment: "O Church Arise"

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Bill Zuhlke
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Congregational Prayer: Brian O'Donovan

- Worship Team: Cara Schmitt (piano); Kevin Buwalda, Michelle Mulder, Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld (vocalists)
- Media Team: Tyler Ten Pass, Katie DeJager, Scott Ritzema
- Coffee: Randall and Kim Greenfield

- Children's Worship: Becca Vree, Morgan Buwalda, Kase Buwalda
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Lynnae Franken, Jules Mulder
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Andy Schlieve, Brad Schouten

Missionary Letters

T Ten Pass to Neen & Angel
 K Van Buren 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 scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.



September Council Notes

- Pastor Greg led a council equipping time with a discussion on Q&As 54 and 55 of the Heidelberg Catechism on the church.
- Approved sending to Classis for renewal of licensure to exhort for Scott Ritzema and Al Venhuizen. Gave thanks and praise to God for the many years that Gregg Zonnefeld was licensed to exhort.
- Many positive comments were shared by council members on the church leadership seminar held on Sept. 14.
- Council approved the building and property request to proceed with roof repairs on the church and parsonage.
- Outreach and Service reported on the annual block party. Committee was encouraged by the participation and attendance of our members as well as the number of neighbors and community people who came. Also, the committee is looking forward to several other outreach opportunities coming up this fall and winter.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Brian Bresser**, knee replacement recovery and rehabilitation.
- **Keith Buwalda**, open heart surgery recovery and rehab.
- **Ray Hofman**, upcoming doctor appointments.
- **Dewey Pausma**, Christian Home rehab.

- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, upcoming doctor appointments.

Christmas is Coming! The Schuringa Life Group is planning a time of Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 11. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Pastor Greg or Sarah if you want to join in with us and we'll let you know the details as we get closer to the event.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There are so many 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. **In honor of Pastor Schuring and his family**, we will be having a potluck meal on Oct. 13 at CWC beginning at 12 noon. Along with your dish to pass, please provide your own table service. Cake, ice cream and drink will be provided. Join as we together express our thanks to Pastor Greg.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- October 6: World Communion Sunday, Lord's Supper in Worship.
- October 13: Baptism

Thank you to all of you who helped our high school youth group students fight hunger and collect food for the Waupun Food Pantry this week!

Summer is on its way out the door and fall is just around the corner. In October, from the 1st to the 13th, the high school youth group will help you decorate your front lawn with a traveling SERVEcrow (aka scarecrow) to raise funds for our summer mission trip. If your lawn is decorated, you can either:

- Pay \$5 and move the SERVEcrow to another congregation members lawn within 24 hours or
- Pay \$15, text Jen Vlietstra @ 507-227-1859 and a youth group student will decorate a friend's lawn of your choosing or
- Want to avoid the SERVEcrow decorating your front lawn? You can contact Jen Vlietstra and purchase SERVEcrow insurance for \$30 to protect your lawn from visitors. Text Jen @ 507-227-1859 and give her your name and address and reserve your SERVEcrow Insurance, due TODAY!

October 6: High School Youth Group 10:24 Small groups at Bethel from 4:00-5:30 PM.

October 9: SWaT Middle School Youth Group Worship Night at Bethel from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Community News

Volunteer Department Manager for Toys: Bargains Galore Thrift Store (BGTS) is looking for one or two energetic individuals who will be the Department Manager(s) for our toys department. This includes sorting, cleaning, pricing and stocking shelves once a week with the assistance of other volunteers as needed. If interested in joining the Bargains team, please contact Bailey Smits or Sue Soodsma.

Clothing Sorter: This is a part-time paid position with flexible hours (approx. 16 hours/week). This candidate will have interest in clothing fashion and knowledge of current clothing styles and brands. This position sorts thru all the donated clothing received. If interested in joining the Bargains team, please contact Bailey Smits or Sue Soodsma.

Immanuel United Methodist Church (401 W Fond du Lac St, Ripon) is having a Salad Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 4, 11 AM to 1 PM. They will be serving cold salads, desserts and beverages; \$12/person (6- to 10-year-olds/ \$6). Buy your ticket in advance! Proceeds benefit IUMC Community Meal.

Stand for Life Sunday sponsored by the Fond du Lac County Right to Life on Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2-3 PM at the corner of W. Johnson and Peters Ave. in Fond du Lac. Stand with us for one hour of silent prayer for the unborn and vulnerable.

Emanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon is having their annual Chili Festival on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Menu: Chili and all the fixings, and dessert. Dine-in: Free-will offering. Carry-outs: \$9 for one quart of chili and two desserts.

All are invited to the 79th annual Cambria Welsh Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 13, at the historic 1st Presbyterian Church, 121 West Florence St in Cambria. There will be two sessions, one at 2:30 PM and at 5:30 PM. The special guest is award-winning soloist and director Katherine Crusi from Philadelphia. The Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh Hymn Sing) will be sung in mostly English in rich 4-part harmony. A lovely supper will be served between the two sessions.

Benvenuto's Italian Grill in Beaver Dam and the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County partner for a Day of Dining on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11 AM to 10 PM. Just mention the PSCDC and Benvenuto's will donate 20% of your purchase to the PSCDC.

CWC's Servathon is happening on November 1 from 8:15-11:30 AM. It will consist of a group of kids with a staff member (depending on location) coming to your house or location you request. They would love to help with

landscaping, raking, cutting down bushes, trimming trees, etc. We request contact info and the type of service needed. If you know specific students from CWC, you can request they help at your worksite. If you have a project you'd like help with, please contact Josie Vander Werff at 920-579-7766 or 26gvanderwerff@wearecwc.org.

The Tribute Quartet will be performing at **Bethel Church in Brandon** on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6 PM. There will be a freewill offering.

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (upper room)
 6:30 PM Elders Meeting (upper room)
 6:30 PM GEMS Meeting at Bethel CRC

Sunday: 8:30 AM 11th/12th Catechism
 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Schmitt

Livestream

Brad Mulder

Coffee

Bob and Michelle Mulder

PPT

Lois Mulder

Children's Worship

Stacey Schaver, Hailey Bresser,
 Ellie Mulder

Sound System

Scott Ritzema

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Andrea Buwalda,
 Joy Mulder

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Ryer Greenfield, Tom Jonker

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	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)

Your Name

Verse 1: As morning dawns and evening fades - You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart - And glorify Your Name

Chorus: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower - Your Name is a shelter
like no other - Your Name let the nations sing it louder - 'Cause nothing has
the power to save - But Your Name

Verse 2: Jesus in Your Name we pray - Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You - And glorify Your Name

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All Heaven Declares

Verse 1: All heaven declares - The glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare with - The beauty of the Lord

Chorus 1: Forever He will be - The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee - And worship Him alone

Verse 2: I will proclaim - The glory of the risen Lord
Who once was slain - To reconcile man to God

Chorus 2: Forever You will be - The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee - And worship You alone

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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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O Church Arise

Verse 1: O church arise and put your armour on - Hear the call of Christ our Captain - For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given - With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies - An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2: Our call to war to love the captive soul - But to rage against the captor - And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour - When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure - And Christ will have the prize for which He died - An inheritance of nations

Verse 3: Come see the cross where love and mercy meet - As the Son of God is stricken - Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen - And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave - This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4: So Spirit come put strength in every stride - Give grace for every hurdle - That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful - As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace - We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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Sermon Notes