

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

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "Prince of Peace (You Are Holy)"

"Hear O Lord and Answer"

"Turn Your Eyes"

God's Will for Our Lives: Ephesians 5:12-20

Congregational Prayer

Our Offerings for the Local Budget and Faith Promise

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

*Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Various verses from Proverbs

Message: "Pearls of Wisdom for Christian Renewal #8—Protesting Cultural Armageddon"

*Song of Response: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" G446

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision" R562:1-2

Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Marlyce Mulder
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg
(keyboard/vocals); Grace Bruins,
Elsa Homan, Michelle Mulder
(vocalists)
- Coffee: Bob and Michelle Mulder
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie
Mulder, Joy Mulder
- Nursery: Hailey Bresser, Lynnae
Franken, Elliana Mulder

- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois
Mulder, Nathan Coda
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brian
O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

C Ruis to Neen/Angel*

D Schaver 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 on Tuesday.
- **Glen Navis**, knee surgery recovery.
- **Lois Pausma**, health.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 6: Proverbs sermon series concludes.
- 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 porch at the Parsonage. 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 that will be in the narthex starting next week through 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.

A whole-hearted thank-you from the Outreach Committee to our church members who graciously gave up their time to work at the Neighborhood Block Party, donated items for the meal and games, and prayed for the event and good weather! We are thankful for the "all hands on deck" attitude you all portrayed. **We are planning on inviting our neighbors** who attended the block party to a meal at church on September 23 with a time of a short devotional reflection by Pastor Greg, fellowship, and meal provided by two Life groups. Please pray with us that our neighbors would feel led to take this next step!

Next Sunday morning (Sept. 13), after the worship service, 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.

Coffee Break at Bethel CRC will begin a new study called **Discover Isaiah 1-12: A Call to Trust** on Wednesday, September 9. All ladies are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 9 AM!

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
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Randall and Kim Greenfield

Children's Worship

Jen Ritzema, Lenny Aalsma

Nursery

Emily Mulder, Becca Vree, Rynn Aalsma

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Katie DeJager

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Brad Schouten

You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

Verse: You are holy (You are holy) - You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy) - Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow) - I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You) - All of my days (all of my days)

Chorus 1: I will sing to and worship - The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship - The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him - And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Chorus 2: You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

Ending: You're my Prince of Peace - And I will live my life for You

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Hear O Lord

Verse 1: Hear, O Lord, and answer - I am poor and needy
Guard my life - For I am devoted to You - Hear my prayer O Lord
And my cry for mercy - In this day of trouble - I will call to You

Verse 2: Teach me, O Lord - I will walk in Your truth
Give me an undivided heart - Nations You've made
Will worship You - For You alone - Are the living God

Verse 3: I will praise You - I will praise You
Glorify Your name, O Lord - I will praise You
I will praise You - Glorify Your name, O Lord

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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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Sermon Notes

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Ken Homan (2028)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Scott Ritzema (2029)	Cayden Ruis (2028)
3	Joe Durant (2028)	Jesse Buteyn (2029)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Eric Schaver (2028)
5	Steve Homan (2028)	Curt Groen (2029)
6	Steve Smits (2029)	Jesse Buteyn (2029)
7	Dan Montsma (2029)	Curt Groen (2029)
8	Darrall Schaver (2027)	Andy Schlieve (2027)

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