

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

*Call to Worship: Profession of Our Faith—The Nicene Creed

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "On That Day" "Blessed Be the Name"

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

God's Will for Our Lives G1013

Congregational Prayer

*Profession of Our Faith: The Nicene Creed G814

Offertory and Our Offerings for the Local Budget and

Faith Promise Fund

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

*Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:1-6

Message: "Zechariah #1: Do You See What I See?"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" R562

*Benediction

*Doxology: "He Is Exalted" R36

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Cara Schmitt (piano); Jessica Ten Pass, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Lois Mulder, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: George and Karen Aalsma
- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Hailey Bresser, Adrianna Schuringa

- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Andrea Buwalda, Heidi Schaver
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

Missionary Letters

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A Schlieve 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:

- **Brian Bresser**, recovery at home after a farming accident and surgery.
- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments.
- **Norm Jansma**, two more chemotherapy treatments, tests look good so far.
- **Peter Montsma**, on hospice care.
- **Shirley Otto**, knee surgery on September 26.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, September 29 surgery to relieve her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy treatments.

Miranda Vander Berg and Peter Zambo got married yesterday. Help us celebrate this couple by placing donated household goods or gift cards in the tote in the narthex TODAY. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of to show they are loved.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- September 14—Baptism of Kyla Joy Ruis
- September 21—Commissioning of Teachers for the start of Sunday School and Catechism
- October 5—Lord's Supper in Worship

The family of John and Arlene DeJager invites the congregation to join them for cake and fellowship following this morning's worship service to celebrate John and Arlene's 65th wedding anniversary.

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 on Sunday, September 14. 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. This fall 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 on the first Sunday evening of each month starting October 5. 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 plan to start up on September 17. Genesis 25-50 continues this story of blessing—blessing in the midst of broken families, grief, famine, and other political powers. How will you be blessed in your discovery of God's story in Genesis? 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.

Friendship Club (Ministries) is a local organization supported by First CRC and Bethel, that seeks to help disabled individuals stay closer to Christ. Friendship is currently seeking passionate individuals to help with this program. Men are especially encouraged to help out. If this is your calling, please contact Jean Jansen.

Community News

CWC Oogstfeest Harvest Auction 2025: Join us on Friday, September 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 September 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, September 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.

Denominational News

Hymn Text Contest - Calvin University will host an Anniversary Worship Celebration in honor of its 150th year on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center for community worship. You can help us celebrate by participating in our 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest! The planning committee invites hymnwriters to submit a hymn text to be sung at the worship service; submissions must be sent via email by November 1, 2025. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,500 award. Find details at calvin.edu/150/hymn-contest

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

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

PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

Coffee

Steve and Heidi Smits

PPT

Jake Van Herwaarden

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Grace Bruins

Sound System

Cayden Ruis

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Hailey Wagner,
Elsa Homan

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Owen Mulder and Brad Schouten

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)

On That Day

Verse 1: I believe in Christ risen from the dead

He now reigns victorious His kingdom knows no end

Through His resurrection death has lost its hold

I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

Chorus: On that day - We will see You shining brighter than the sun

On that day - We will know You as we lift our voice as one

'Til that day - We will praise You for Your never ending grace

And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

Verse 2: What a blessed hope though now tired and worn

We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne

Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory waits - Beyond the grave

Bridge: Hallelujah what a day it will be
For at home with You my joy is complete
As I run into Your arms open wide I will see - My Father who is waiting for me

Tag 1: My Father who is waiting for me

Tag 2: And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

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Blessed Be The Name

Verse 1: : I am standing beneath Your wings - I am resting in Your shelter
Your great faithfulness has been my shield - And it makes me wanna sing

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be the name of the Lord
I will bless Your holy name for all my days - Blessed be the name of the Lord

Verse 2: I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord - For You daily bear my
burdens - Your great faithfulness is my reward - And it makes me wanna sing

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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
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Sermon Notes