

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 basket on the table on the way out, 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 or email the church office at 920-324-2898. 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 Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is 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

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Song of Christ's Coming: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" G328:1, 4, 6

*God's Greeting

*Song of Thanksgiving: "Give Thanks to God, for Good is He" G182

*Songs of Worship: "For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"Come, Oh Redeemer Come"

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 3-6 are dismissed for Children's Worship

*Scripture: John 1:1-3

Message: "The Christ of Christmas #1: Jesus is God"

*Song of Response: "Beautiful Savior" G461:1-3

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Beautiful Savior" G461:4

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Sermon and Worship Leader:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Advent Readers: Elise and
Cassidy Ritzema
- Vocalists: Rachel Hoffman,
Tabbie Vander Werff
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,
Katie DeJager, Jake Vander
Werff
- Coffee: Al & LeAnne Holden

- Children's Worship: Jessica Ten
Pass, Ryer Greenfield
- Nursery: Jen Ritzema, Lynnae
Franken, Elise Ritzema

Missionary Letters

G Bossenbroek to Daryl Pfantz
B Bresser to Neen
J Bresser 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 leave your donation in the basket on the table in the narthex. All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering (Waupun Food Pantry for November; Gideons for

December), 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.

On behalf of the full Council, the Deacons would like to express our gratitude to everyone that contributed to the special offering on Sunday for the parsonage and the sound system upgrade. Through your generosity and sharing of God's gifts, \$60,000 of the \$100,000 received as of last Sunday. God is Good! We will be placing the Special Offering basket in the sanctuary this Sunday morning again for anyone still wishing to contribute. For any future gifts to this campaign, you can simply indicate "Building Fund Campaign" on your check, envelope or gifting slip and include it in the regular offering basket.

Our Family

November/December Birthdays

Brenda Merhalski	28	LeAnne Holden	29
Ethan Homan	28	Tom Jonker	1
Phylcia Coda	29	Hollie Ganz	4

November Anniversaries

Harry & Karen Venhuizen	28
Gene & Toni Hofman	29

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Harold Greenfield, as he continues to deal with cancer.
- Chaplain Peter Hofman and family, as he serves in Egypt.
- Pat Loomans, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Wilma Navis, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Larry Pluim, dealing with cancer.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Sam Vander Galien, recovery from surgery.

Help us celebrate the **marriage of Dylan Vander Berg and Alexa De Ruyter** earlier this year by placing donated **household goods or gift cards** in the bin in the narthex **TODAY**. Cleaning supplies, popcorn, kitchen utensils, and whatever else you can think of that would show this couple that they are loved.

Church News

We will **be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army** December 17-18 at Piggly Wiggly. We are looking for people to fill two-hour slots from 10-6 on both of those days. If you can only do one hour, find a partner to do the other hour. Please talk to Arky Navis if you have any questions or to sign up to help.

For those of you who shop Amazon, we now have an Amazon Smile account for the church. What this means is that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to us when you choose us as your charity. You can find the link to our account on our website under "About."

Sunday School Christmas Program: We are excited to be working on this year's Sunday school program! The program will take place Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6 PM, after the Live Nativity events. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mackenzie Mulder or Sarah Schuringa. Thank you!

Our **Christmas Eve service** will be on Friday, December 24, at 7 PM.

Our live nativity, **One Night in Bethlehem**, will be taking place on the evening of Dec. 12. We need lots of help again this year. We are looking for animals (calves, sheep, donkey, small horse, etc...) If you can help with this, please talk to Kristi Zonnefeld. A sign up for carolers will be coming in a few weeks as well as ways to help with the meal. Please pray that this will be an event that leads people to reflect on and know the true meaning of Christmas.

Council is planning to have **ushers** again in the very near future. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please contact Lois via the office phone (920-324-2898) or the church email (waupuncrc@gmail.com).

Community News

Brandon Bethel Church is hosting a Holiday Kick-Off Concert with many musical acts from the community today, Sunday, November 28, 3:00 p.m. There will be fellowship following the program. On Sunday, December 19, at 3:00 PM will be their Children's Christmas Program and Choir Cantata "What Jesus Means to Me." There will be a time of fellowship following the program.

Giving Tuesday - November 30: You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday...here's your chance to make a difference at Central Wisconsin Christian on GivingTuesday. This year's theme is "Seeds of Faith," with

funds directed toward classroom expansion due to increasing enrollment. Our goal is \$250,000 - the cost of one classroom! Matching funds are currently being solicited to help you double your gift, whether online (tinyurl.com/GiveCWC), in person, or by phone. Please prayerfully consider your Giving Tuesday gift and impact God's Kingdom through Christ-centered education. #GiveCWC

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A freewill offering will benefit the Waupun Holiday Help Program. This event will be held in-person but will also be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page at First Reformed Church Waupun. Also, video DVDs and audio CDs of the Carol Sing will be available (free of charge) on December 12. These will be located in the "Bulletin Box" at the main entrance of First Reformed Church or contact the church at 324-2321 or office@firstreformedwaupun.com to make arrangements to have one mailed to you.

Save the date. Reset Women's Retreat, February 4 (6:30-8:30 PM) and 5 (8 AM-12 noon). Hosted by Emmanuel Waupun. This is a free event.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:30 PM	Ben Homan's Life Group at church
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Livestream

Gregg Zonnefeld

Children's Worship

Emily Mulder, Kolten Buwalda

PPT

Lois Mulder

Coffee Time

Steve & Heidi Smits

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Nursery

Jenna Mulder, Jessica Ten Pass, Taylor Hoffman

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

Sermon Notes