

12/19/2021

## First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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](http://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](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.



**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

Call to Worship: "O Holy Night" by Norm Jansma

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Song of Christ's Coming: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" G328:1. 4-7

God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "Angels We Have Heard on High)" R278:1-3

Prayer of Confession: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

**Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.**

Assurance of Pardon: "Comfort, comfort my people," says our God in

Isaiah 40. Because of Jesus coming to earth and going to the cross, our sins are pardoned.

**The penalty is paid. Thanks be to God.**

\*Songs of Worship: "Here I Am to Worship" "He Shall Reign  
Forevermore"

Congregational Prayer

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

\*Scripture: John 1:1-4

Message: "The Christ of Christmas #4: Jesus is Life"

\*Song of Response: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" G356

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Joy to the World" G337:1

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Cara Schmitt
- Advent Readers: Emma and  
Taylor Hoffman
- Guitar and Vocals: Craig Slings

- Vocalists: Josie Venhuizen,  
Renaë Venhuizen
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema,  
Cassidy Ritzema, Lori Venhuizen
- Coffee: Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld
- Children's Worship: Mackenzie  
Mulder, Emma Hoffman

- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Aubryn DeJager, Kolten Buwalda

N Coda to Neen\*  
G DeJager to Chaplain Pete

**Missionary Letters**

R Buwalda to Daryl Pfantz

+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 (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.

As of our most recent count, we have received \$75,000 of the \$100,000 total needed for the parsonage and sound system upgrade. The Council is so thankful for the church’s response to this need and for your generosity towards this Special Offering as well as the generosity toward our day-to-day expenses all year. As we approach year’s end, if you would like to give to this Special Offering yet, please indicate Building Fund Campaign on your gift and it will go to that Special Offering fund.

**Our Family**

**December Birthdays**

Lorna O’Donovan	20
Gloria Rens	21
Ryer Greenfield	21
Vanessa Buteyn	22

Elizabeth Jonker	24
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**December Anniversary**

Greg & Sarah Schuringa	20
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**As you pray this week, please remember these people:**

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Pat Loomans, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Brenda Merhalski, dealing with cancer.
- 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.
- Nancy Wierenga, doing physical therapy for back pain.

## **Church News**

**Calling all Choir Members:** The choir will be practicing after the service TODAY to prepare a couple songs to sing at the Christmas Eve service. These should be relatively familiar songs. If you would like to sing in the choir for this special Christmas service, we would love to have former/current choir members and new faces too!

**A huge thank you to all who helped in some way to make The Live Nativity a success.** Thanks to those who brought food, participated as a character, brought animals, caroled, served the food, helped set up, helped take down, or contributed any ANY way! It takes a lot of people to make this event happen and we are blessed to have a church that cares about our community!

Thank you for your continued support of The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County. Because of your love, support, and prayer, we can continue to serve the Lord and our community. We will be able to continue ministry to young women who are in crisis pregnancies and be able to share the love of Christ with our clients in a nonthreatening, nonjudgmental environment. You are a blessing to us, and we are very grateful for your prayers and financial support. - Sharon Kalinosky, Baby Bottle Fundraiser Coordinator

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

Council is planning to have **ushers** again in the very near future. We still need more people willing to serve in this capacity! If you are willing to help, please contact Lois via the office phone (920-324-2898) or the church email ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)).

## **Community News**

**CWC Elementary Christmas Program:** Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing the Christmas message to you on Tuesday, December 21, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please come to whichever time works best for you. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our music with you!

**CWC (Waupun) is seeking applicants for a bookkeeper/HR coordinator.**

This position is part time with potential to grow to full time depending on applicant abilities. Applications will be taken through January 15, with a start date of February 15. A complete job description and application form can be found at [WeAreCWC.org/about/employment.cfm](http://WeAreCWC.org/about/employment.cfm). For more information, contact Administrator Mark Buteyn at 920-324-4233, ext 311 or by email at [mbuteyn@WeAreCWC.org](mailto:mbuteyn@WeAreCWC.org).

Would you like to put a smile on someone's face and be very helpful? **The Christian Home and Homestead needs volunteers!** Do any of these sound like something you could do:

- Read to resident (mail or book).
- Help a resident with a craft project.
- Help residents find pages in their hymnal during hymn sing or church.
- Take a resident on a sight-seeing tour of the building in their wheelchair.
- Help serve at a social.
- Discuss a picture with a resident.
- Help a resident put together a puzzle or color with them.
- Pour coffee before a meal and chat with the residents.
- Play a table game (cards, dice) with residents.
- Play piano for church services.

We could use some bingo prizes such as knick-knacks, perfume, jewelry, mini flashlight, small lotion, or individually packaged food (need to watch expiration dates). Carolers and choirs are welcome to sing from the chapel. We will broadcast your singing into the lounges and resident rooms so residents can hear you even though it won't be in person. If interested, please call Linda, Activity and Volunteer Coordinator, at 324-7648.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER!** We will again serve a home-cooked meal for anyone who has no plans for Christmas at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Saturday, Dec. 25. To allow for COVID concerns we will serve buffet style and seating will be spaced for safety. We will serve at 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM. **Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations...**and state which time slot you want to attend. There is no charge for the dinner.

**Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
<b>Friday:</b>	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service

**Christmas Eve**

**Accompanist**  
Brenda Hofman

**PPT**  
Ryer Greenfield

**Livestream**  
Randall Greenfield

**Sound System**  
Pete Vander Werff

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

**Children's Worship**

Pat Jonker, Megan Greenfield

**Coffee Time**

Beth Schlieve

**Nursery**

Mackenzie Mulder, Kaytlin Smits,

Elliana Mulder

**Livestream**

Gladys Montsma

**PPT**

Katie DeJager

**Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
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**