

First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. You will find a visitor card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering basket on the table in the narthex. If you would like further information about our church, check out our website at www.waupuncrc.com or contact the church office (324-2898).

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

You can listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. 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.



All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday
Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

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

Prelude

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship

*Time of Praise: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Advent Reading: Rejoice

Song of Preparation: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" G35

We Reflect on God's Love and Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

All: God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

People: In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.

Thanks be to God!
Congregational Prayer

We Receive God's Words

*Scripture: Hebrews 10:5-7
Message: "Four Candles for Christmas"

We Respond in Thankfulness

*Song of Response: "What Child is This"

We Depart to Serve

*Blessing
*Doxology: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"
*Postlude

Dismissal Policy: Please respect others by keeping socially distanced as you exit the building.

Taking part in worship today:

- Music: Craig Slings Family, Aubryn DeJager, Dr. Greg Schuringa
- Media Team: Joe Bresser, Katie DeJager

Missionary Letters

Dewey Pausma to Daryl Pfantz
Don Pausma to Neen
D Rens to Chaplain Pete+

+Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Today we welcome Dr. Greg Schuringa to the pulpit. Next week we look forward to hearing from Chuck Adams.

Offering: Special cause for December is World Renew.

NOTE: There will be church office hours this Thursday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. If you have questions or announcements, please call Lois (318-1723).

Our Family

December Anniversary

Dick and Barb Heeringa 18

As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Carlie Jansen, as she continues with the trial treatment.
- Laura Ten Pass, as she continues with cancer treatments.
- Brenda Merhalski, as she is dealing with lung cancer.

It can be easy to forget about those that we don't see every week, so we are including a list of shut-ins within our congregation. We hope that you will take some time to visit, send cards, and pray for these members of our family. As Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

- Wilma Navis
- Jeanette Tjepkema

Church News

Our Christmas service will be on Christmas Eve, December 24. There will be no New Year's service.

It's the time of year for ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be ringing the bell at Piggly Wiggly on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, from 10 AM to 6 PM. Please call Arky Navis (920-210-3016) to sign up for a two-hour slot. You will need to wear a mask.

The Search Team is thrilled to let you know that Dr. Greg Schuringa has expressed interest in getting to know our church. He visited in early November and has returned with his wife, Sarah, to preach today. As the son of a CRC pastor, Dr. Schuringa grew up in several CRC communities across the U.S. and also lived three years in the Netherlands. Since 2002 he, his wife, and their 4 daughters have lived in Elmhurst, IL while he served as assistant pastor and now lead pastor of Faith CRC. His desire to share the Word of God, his love of music, and his joy in life were evident to the Search Team the first time we met him. For those of you who would like to meet Pastor Greg and Sarah, they will be available downstairs after the service. We will require a mask and will keep socially distanced allowing only a handful of people at a time to talk to them in the basement. We pray for the Spirit's leading.

Community News

2020 Christmas Carol Sing: In the best interests of the performers and guests, the difficult decision was made that this year's Christmas Carol Sing

at First Reformed Church, Waupun, will be a virtual program. A DVD and CD of the program, along with video postings on First Reformed's Facebook page and website at firstreformedwaupun.com will be available on Sunday, December 13. In past years, a freewill offering was collected for various local community programs. This year, please consider making a donation to the Waupun Area Food Pantry, which supports local community members in need, particularly during these uncertain times. Checks can be sent to: Waupun Area Food Pantry; 12 S. Mill Street; Waupun, WI 53963.

The Randolph Christian School is making 25 of our delicious Apple Pies to be auctioned off just in time for Christmas! Go to <https://app.auctiontrack.net/randolphchristian/2020pies> or www.randolphchristian.org/pies and start bidding today! This special auction will close on Friday, Dec. 18, at 8:00 PM. Winners can pick up their pie from RCS on Saturday, Dec. 19, between 9:00 AM and noon (or call the school office at 920-326-3320 to make special arrangements). Please pay with check or cash when you pick up your pie(s).

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
Tuesday: 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Sound System

Offering

Local Budget

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Jon Mulder (2021)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	Gary De Jager (2021)	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	Kevin Buwalda (2021)	Andy Schlieve (2021)