

## 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](http://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](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.



**All announcements due in the office by 12:00 noon Thursday**  
**Phone: 920-324-2898    email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

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

Prelude

## A Time to Gather

Call to Worship

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

**People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

**People: Holy is God's Name!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

\*Time of Praise: "Let's Worship and Adore Him" R247

"O Come All Ye Faithful" R249

"Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice.

All creation rises to rejoice.

**Chorus:** Behold our God, seated on His throne.

Come let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Chorus**

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,

bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal humbled to the grave,

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! **Chorus**

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge  
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Advent Reading: Kase Buwalda, Rosalie Huizenga, Jules Mulder  
Song of Preparation: "Silent Night" R253

## A Time of Prayer

## A Time to Listen

\*Scripture: Exodus 33, Isaiah 45:15-25, Luke 2:22-35

Message: "Advent: The Absence of God; the Presence of God"

## A Time to Respond

\*Song of Response: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" G329, vs 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" G329, vs 4

\*Postlude

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

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### Taking part in worship today:

- Music: Brian Ten Pass family and Ron Rozenboom
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Randall Greenfield, Scott Ritzema

### Missionary Letters

J Rens to Daryl Pfantz  
S Ritzema to Neen  
D Schaver to Chaplain Pete+

+Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

**Today we welcome Chuck Adams to the pulpit.** On Christmas Eve we look forward to hearing from Al Venhuizen and next Sunday we will have Dr. Larry Meyer.

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 Birthdays

Lorna O'Donovan	20	Vanessa Buteyn	22
Gloria Rens	21	Elizabeth Jonker	24
Ryer Greenfield	21	Carol Greenfield	26

**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

Thanks for your prayers for Sandy Greenfield. Last week's scan revealed a partial blockage in the stomach area. She was prescribed oral medication.

**Church News**

Note that our Christmas Eve Service will be at 6:00 PM.

**Community News**

The Central Wisconsin Christian Board and Staff extend their deep thanks for the generous giving to support our mission on Giving Tuesday this year. To date we have collected \$235,966 from 184 gifts!! This includes more than \$80,000 of additional debt reduction contributions. There is still time to be a part of the year-end phase of this year's #GiveCWC. Let us know if you have questions. We are blessed beyond measure by your partnership!!

**CWC Virtual Elementary Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 22 @**

**6:30 PM:** You are invited to gather around your TV/computer/screen from your own home on Tuesday, December 22, @ 6:30 PM for our Virtual Elementary Christmas program. Sorry, you will have to provide your own snacks. 😊 The pre-recorded concert will air on the Central Wisconsin Christian Facebook page beginning at 6:30. Let's celebrate the birth of the KING together! <https://www.facebook.com/discovercwc>

**Virtual Christmas Carol Sing:** The annual Christmas Carol Sing at First Reformed Church was held virtually this year. Many local musicians shared their talents in order to make this year's program possible. The 2020 Christmas Carol Sing can be seen on the First Reformed Church's Facebook page or website at [firstreformedwaupun.com](http://firstreformedwaupun.com) or by viewing this link [https://youtu.be/FmF4\\_Ypgpzc](https://youtu.be/FmF4_Ypgpzc). There are also DVD and CD copies available in the "Bulletin Box" outside the church's entrance (422 W. Franklin St., Waupun) for anyone who would like one. If you or someone

you know would like a DVD or CD copy mailed to them, please contact First Reformed at 324-2321 and we would be happy to send it (there is no charge). Please enjoy this special program throughout the Christmas Season.

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service  
**Tuesday:** 8:00 AM Prayer Meeting  
**Thursday:** **6:00 PM** Christmas Eve Service  
**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Christmas Eve**

**Accompanist**  
 Cara Schmitt

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**  
 Brenda Hofman

**Livestream**

Mike Vander Berg

**Livestream**

Glady's Montsma

**Sound System**

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**Video Projection**

Lois Mulder

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