

12/27/2020

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 in Worship

*Call to Worship

*Time of Praise: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" G345

"O Come All Ye Faithful" G340, vs 1, 3

Special Music by Cara Schmitt

God's Greeting

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Our World Belongs to God (responsive reading")

Pastor: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—

People: We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:

Our world belongs to God! God is King: Let the earth be glad!

Christ is victor: his rule has begun! Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Praise the Lord!

But rebel cries sound through the world: some, crushed by failure or hardened by pain, give up on life and hope and God;
others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams.

**As believers in God, we join this struggle of the spirits,
testing our times by the Spirit's sure Word.**

Our world, fallen into sin, but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God.

He does not abandon the work of this hand; the heavens still declare his glory.

He preserves his world, sending seasons, sun, and rain,
upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, directing all things to their purpose.

He promised a Savior;

Now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation.

God holds this world in sovereign love.

He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.

He poured out his Spirit and broadcast the news

That sinners who repent and believe in Jesus can live, and breathe, and move again as members of the family of God.

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, Called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Congregational Prayer

Song: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus dies; the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in vic-to-ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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God Speaks Through His Word

*Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 and Matthew 11:25-30

Message: "Shalom – Under the Reign of Our Gentle Shepherd"

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response: "Like a River Glorious" G560

We Leave to Serve God

*Doxology: "How Firm a Foundation" G500, vs 1

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "How Firm a Foundation" G500, vs 2

*Postlude

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

Taking part in worship today:

- Music: Brenda Hofman
- Media Team: Gladys Montsma,
Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

E Schaver to Daryl Pfantz+
D Scheuers to Neen
W Scheuers to Chaplain Pete

+Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Today we welcome Dr. Larry Meyer to the pulpit. Next Sunday we will have Paul Zoschke.

Offering: Special cause for December is World Renew.

NOTE: There will be church office hours this Thursday from 10:00 to noon. Please submit any announcements by noon on Thursday. If you have questions or announcements, please call Lois (318-1723).

Our Family

December Birthdays

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| Lucas Morgan | 27 | Dave Venhuizen | 29 |
| Harm Venhuizen | 28 | Brian Van Herwaarden | 30 |
| Keren Derksen | 29 | Lori Venhuizen | 31 |

January Birthdays

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| Jenni Morgan | 1 | Rich DeMaa | 2 |
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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

Thank you to all the volunteers who rang the bell for the Salvation Army last weekend!

Church News

The Building & Grounds Team ran into some unexpected expenses as 2020 draws to a close. The Team asks for your consideration if making end-of-the-year financial gifts.

Calendar

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| Today: | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| Tuesday: | 8:00 AM | Prayer Meeting |
| Sunday: | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |

Next Week**Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

Sound System

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Livestream

Scott Ritzema

Video Projection

Beth Schlieve

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

Births and Deaths in 2020**Baptisms**

Olivia Ann Vree

Ellie Ruth Vree

Dax Gerald Mulder

Liam Allen Huizenga

Jolie Marie Mulder

Kason Andrew Schlieve

Jolie Marie Mulder

Deaths

Joyce Haan

Elsie Winkel

Paul Vande Kolk

Howard Loomans

Harold Mulder

Carol Navis

Lois Navis

Janet Ver Hage

Births

Dax Gerald Mulder

Adley Rose Homan

Liam Allen Huizenga