# 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

#### Refocus & Gather

Call to Worship

\*Time of Praise: "King of Kings"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" G328

Come Let Us Worship the King

# Reminders of Redemption & Response

Advent Reading

Song of Preparation: "He Shall Reign Forevermore" - Noah Cupery

#### **Reflection & Refreshment**

Pastoral Prayer

\*Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Message: "Mighty God - El Gibbor"

# Response & Release

\*Song of Response: "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Joy to the World" G337

\*Postlude

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

# Taking part in worship today:

- Praise Team: Noah Cupery, Heidi Smits, Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld
- Media Team: Glady Montsma,
   Scott Ritzema Mike Vander Berg
- Prelude/Postlude: Laura Ten Pass

# **Missionary Letters**

A Navis to Daryl Pfantz

B O'Donovan to Neen+ S Otto to Chaplain Pete

<sup>+</sup>Pray especially for this missionary family this week

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

**Recent Offerings** 

General Fund: \$11,745 Food Pantry: \$3,152
Building Fund: \$4,130 Heartbeat Int'l: \$6,652.50

BB Philippines: \$400 Prison Degree Program: \$2,500

OH4F: \$2,575 World Renew: \$275

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**

Darrall Schaver	6	Jon Mulder	9
Cassie Holden	7	Eden Homan	12
Jolie Schouten	7		

#### 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

Harry Venhuizen had a consultation this week. He has a mass in his kidney; surgery has been scheduled for Jan. 4. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you for cards, prayers, phone calls, and emails following Mom's passing. The family of Lois Navis.

#### **Church News**

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

Our church raised \$9,652.30 for Heartbeat International. Our original goal was to raise \$3,600 so we could cover their budget for two full days. The money we raised will be enough to cover their budget for nearly 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  days. In that amount of time, the hotline will be able to help almost 6000 women! Thank you so much for your generous support! If you forgot to donate and still want to be included, be sure to contact Jon Mulder or Mike Vander Berg as soon as possible.

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 is returning, with his wife, Sarah, to preach at First CRC on December 13. As the son of a CRC pastor, Dr. Schuringa grew up in several CRC communities across the US 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. Please continue to pray that the Lord's will be clear to our Search Team and the Schuringa family.

Pastor Greg Schuringa and his wife Sarah will be visiting First CRC on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13. For those who are not comfortable worshiping in church, we will have an open house Saturday evening from 4:30 to 5:30 in the church basement. Enter thru the carport entrance. 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 will do the same on Sunday morning after church for those of you who would like to meet them. We look forward to them coming and leading us in worship and pray for the Spirit's leading.

### **Community News**

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).

Healer of Our Every III - A new twist on a favorite Calvin University tradition! The Campus Choir, Women's Chorale, and Capella have professionally recorded five sessions, which will debut on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's YouTube channel at 7 p.m. EST each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each service is 30–40 minutes long and contains songs, scripture, and prayer. (worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events/)

#### <u>Calendar</u>

Today:9:30 AMWorship ServiceTuesday:8:00 AMPrayer MeetingWednesday:6:30 PMElders MeetingSunday:9:30 AMWorship Service

### Next Week

AccompanistSound SystemLois MulderJoe Bresser

Offering Video Projection
Local Budget Katie DeJager

Group	<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)