

11/20/2022

First Christian Reformed Church



We welcome our guests and hope that you will be blessed by worshipping 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 bag during the service so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at www.waupuncrc.com or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office (waupuncrc@gmail.com). Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: 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

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

PO Box 32, Waupun

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "It is Good to Give Thanks"

*Song of Confession: "O Come to the Altar"

*Song of Assurance: "Who You Say I Am

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Waupun Food Pantry

Song of Thanksgiving: "We Praise You, O God" G237

Children ages 3-6 are invited to Children's Worship at this time

*Scripture: Ruth 1:6-22

Message: "Ruth Revealed #2: Steps of Faith"

Prayer

*Song of Worship: "Trust and Obey" R571:1, 3-5

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" R454:3

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Scripture Reading: Laura Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Guitar: Matt Bulthuis
- Vocalists: Aubryn DeJager, Nikki Durni, Josie Venhuizen
- Media Team: Scott Ritzema, Cody Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Steve and Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Stacy Schaver, Sophia Schuringa, Olivia Vander Werff
- Nursery: Emily Aalsma, Aubryn DeJager, Taylor Hoffman
- Ushers: Brad Schouten, Arent Venhuizen

Missionary Letters

J Bronkhorst to Neen

J Buteyn to Chaplain Pete*

+Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Giving to First CRC

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please place your donation in the offering bags passed by the deacons during the service. All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering (Waupun Food Pantry for November), 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.

Council Notes

- Accepted membership of Kirk, Lauren, Emmet, and Otto Van Buren
- Organ Survey will be sent out electronically through email and handed out in the mailbox. Please only fill out either the email link or survey in the church mailbox. Return the hard copy surveys to the church **RETURN** mail slot.
- Nikki Durni and Lyn Mulder will be directing the children's Christmas program on December 18. Thank you to them.

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamphuis, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.
- Cal Flegner, Heidi Smits' father, slow recovery from heart surgery.

Thank you to the entire congregation, pastor Greg and our elders for the continued thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement and visits during the past two years of Brenda's illness. A special thank you to all of those that provided the funeral luncheon for our family and friends. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation. - The family of Brenda Merhalski

A sincere thank you to those that offered a prayer in our behalf during Sue's surgery and recovery. Along with the many texts, cards, food, visits, words of concern or encourage. We are very blessed to be a part of the First CRC family. - Keith and Sue Buwalda

Church News

Upcoming Dates

- November 23, 6:30 PM: Thanksgiving Eve worship service
- November 27, 9:30 AM: Advent begins, Ruth series
- December 4, 9:30 AM: Advent week #2, Communion, Missionary to Haiti in Worship, offering for Haiti after Communion
- December 11, 9:30 AM: Advent #3, Ruth series

- December 18, 9:30 AM: Advent #4, Ruth series, Children's Christmas Program, no Sunday School. There will be catechism for 11th and 12th graders.
- December 25, 9:30 AM Christmas Day Worship, no Sunday School or Catechism
- January 1, 9:30 AM New Year's Worship, no Sunday School or Catechism

Next Sunday, **November 27, there will be no Sunday School or Catechism**, but the Pre-K thru 5th graders will practice for the Christmas Program.

We are still in need of adults to help with the **SWaT middle school youth group**. SWaT only meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Do you have just a couple of hours a month to spend time with these youth? **Please consider** helping with this important ministry.

Operation Christmas Child is a way to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The children receive a box with fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Every shoebox gift is delivered in Jesus' Name to give a child in need a glimpse of God's love. Our life group will be collecting items, filled shoeboxes, and money until **TODAY!** Boxes are available if you want to take one or more and pack and bring back. Please talk to Bonnie Vander Berg if you have any questions!

If you brought food to someone or provided food for the funeral, please **check the kitchen for your containers TODAY**. Anything left after this week will be brought to the thrift store.

Mentors Needed (5 men & 3 women): Does the thought of becoming a mentor scare you? Not sure what is expected? What you need: Love for kids; Desire to walk and grow spiritually together; Time commitment to connect over a period of time. (Reach out to your mentee once a month/every other month. whether that be via text, phone, or personal time spent together. Prayerfully consider becoming a mentor today! Contact Gladys Montsma at 920-210-5329 or dmontsma@charter.net if you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor.

There are four large **100-year anniversary t-shirts available** anyone is interested in purchasing one. Contact Gladys Montsma at 920-210-5329.

Thanksgiving Offering envelopes and an update from **Maranda and Vasya Heytsi in Ukraine** are available on the table in the entry.

Community News

For 75 years, **Central Wisconsin Christian** has partnered with **Christian parents** to prepare their kids to glorify God and serve in His World. This is not possible without faithful partnerships from our alumni, friends, parents, and supporters whose generosity makes this mission possible. Please prayerfully consider how you can financially do your part to #GiveCWC on Giving Tuesday on November 29. All gifts will be directed toward the current Diamond Legacy Campaign. Learn more at CWClegacy.com.

Christmas Carol Sing: Begin your Christmas Season by attending the annual Christmas Carol Sing at First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) on Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 PM. Join in an evening of singing your favorite Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of local performers as they share their musical selections. A free will offering will be taken for the Waupun Holiday Help.

Waupun Churches Ecumenical Festival of Seven Lessons and Carols.

We are invited to a special Christmas service with other congregations in Waupun on December 11 at 5 PM in the City Hall Auditorium. It will be a time of Scripture readings and song.

Thursday, Nov. 24 – come out and join our 5K Turkey Trot! What a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day and enjoy a little exercise with friends and family beginning at 8 AM. Register in advance (or the day of the event) at Randolph Christian School or follow the link online from <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Randolph/RCSTurkeyTrot>. The 5K begins and ends at RCS. Hope to see you there!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



Thanksgiving Eve

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder, Laura Ten Pass

Livestream

Rachel Hoffman

PPT

Beth Schlieve

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Brian O'Donovan, Cody Van Herwaarden

Next Week

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children's Worship

Sarah Schuringa, Avery Slings,
Levi Holbach

Coffee

Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda, Emily Mulder,
Jenna Schouten

Livestream

Randall Greenfield

PPT

Ryer Greenfield

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Ushers

Owen Mulder, Gene Hofman

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Todd Schouten (2024)
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

It Is Good To Give Thanks

Verse 1: It is good to give thanks - Unto Thee, oh my God
To sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High
To show forth Thy love by morning - Thy faithfulness by night
To sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High

Chorus: Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord, of the Lord
Worthy, worthy is the name - Of the Lord, of the Lord

Verse 2: It is good to give thanks - Unto Thee oh my God
To exalt thy holy name – Oh, Most High
Lord, how righteous are thy ways – How great are all thy works
We sing praises to Thy name – Oh, Most High

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O Come to the Altar

Verse 1: Are you hurting and broken within - Overwhelmed by the weight of
your sin - Jesus is calling - Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well - Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar - The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with - The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2: Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait - Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy - From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge: Oh what a Savior - Isn't he wonderful - Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him - For he is Lord of all - Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Who You Say I Am

Verse 1: Who am I that the highest King - Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in - Oh His love for me - Oh His love for me

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free - Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

Verse 2: Free at last - He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep - While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me - Yes He died for me

Chorus 2: In my Father's house - There's a place for me
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken - I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me - I am who You say I am

Tag: (Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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Sermon Notes