

11/27/2022

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

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Advent Song: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" G329

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Preparation for Communion Next Week

Confession of Sin

God of our salvation, 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** (*Worship Sourcebook 2nd edition, D.2.10*)

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Thanks be to God!

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and the Waupun Food Pantry

Song of Worship: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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

*Scripture: Ruth 2:1-13

Message: "Ruth Revealed #3: A Picture of Covenant Faithfulness & Thankfulness"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Once in Royal David's City" R286

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Thank We All Our God" G454:3

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Advent Participants: Life Group 7,
Ben Homan and Denny Vande Berg
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Guitar and Vocals: Craig Slings
- Vocalists: Rachel Hoffman,
Michelle Mulder, Carter Slings
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,
Ryer Greenfield, Randall
Greenfield
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander
Berg

- Children's Worship: Sarah
Schuringa, Avery Slings, Levi
Holbach
- Nursery: Andrea Buwalda, Emily
Mulder, Jenna Schouten
- Ushers: Owen Mulder, Gene
Hofman

Missionary Letters

M Buteyn to Neen*

V 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; Operation Christmas Child for December), 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.

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.
- Helene Navis, recovery after kidney stone surgery.
- Cayden Ruis, home recovering from a serious car accident.
- Merle Schouten, hospitalized for heart concerns.

A huge thanks to the congregation for your support in **Operation Christmas Child** this year. We brought 51 boxes to Edgewood and had money to donate for the postage as well. Thank-you so much for your prayers and financial support of this ministry!

Church News

Upcoming Dates

- 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

There is no Sunday School or Catechism today, but the Pre-K thru 5th graders will practice for the Christmas Program.

Dewey and Lois would like to invite you for **cake and coffee** after the service this morning to help celebrate their **65th anniversary**. They thank God for their 65 years together.

Communion next Sunday: If you watch First CRC services online and are not able to be in worship next Sunday for Communion due to being shut-in or in poor health, you can reach out to your care group elder to bring you the elements ahead of time to participate in Communion with the congregation remotely.

If you love to sing and spread Christmas cheer, please join us to go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec 4. We will meet at church at 2:45 PM. Please talk to Katie DJ if you have questions.

First CRC will be ringing the **Salvation Army Bell** at Piggly Wiggly again this year on Dec. 16 and 17. Please contact Arky Navis (920-324-2859) if you are willing to cover a two-hour slot between 10 AM and 6 PM either of those days.

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.

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.

Starting January 4, a **women's study of The Gospel of John** by Dr David Jeremiah will begin. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. If interested, please contact either Linda Pausma or Sue Buwalda by Dec. 12, so we can get the materials ordered and handed out on time.

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.

Women's Event: First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun), is hosting a free women's event on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6:00 PM. Our featured motivational speaker will be Kim Bond, local author and equestrian, who will talk about how we can turn our dreams into reality. We all have things that we have been dreaming of doing for years. We lead busy lives with being a mom, wife, employee, daughter, volunteer, etc. etc. But before we were all of these things, we were made of the crazy dreams that were unique to us. Join in this special evening as Kim shares her insights of how to make our dreams a reality. This free event is for all women of the community. A light lunch will be served.

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.

"The Voices of Christmas" Candlelight Carol Service: All are invited to a special time of worship by candlelight at Second Christian Reformed Church in Randolph on Sunday evening, December 11 at 6:30 PM. Through song and original monologues by Lakeisha Heeringa, we will enter the experience of Abraham, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph and more. We'll meet at the manger and worship our newborn King. Hot cocoa bar to follow.

Calendar

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
6:30 PM Youth Group: Truth in Love Lesson #2 @ Bethel
- Sunday:** 8:30 AM 11th/12th Grade Catechism
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Next Week

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children's Worship

Pat Jonker, Ethan Homan, Tirzah Ritzema

Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Jen Ritzema, Kase Buwalda

Livestream

Gladys Montsma

PPT

Cassidy Ritzema

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Ushers

Ben Mulder, Ryer Greenfield

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



<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)

For Unto Us A Child Is Born / Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Verse: For unto us a child is born - A Son is given a Son is given

For unto us a child is born - A Son is given a Son is given

The Messiah oh to see Him

Chorus: To see Him high and lifted up - Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love - As we sing holy holy, holy

Bridge

You are high and lifted up - Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy – Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy

Ending: For unto us a child is born - Holy holy holy

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He Shall Reign Forevermore

Verse 1: In the bleak mid-winter - All creation groans

For a world in darkness - Frozen like a stone

Light is breaking - In a stable for a throne

Chorus: (And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

Unto us a Child is born - The King of kings and Lord of lords

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

Verse 2: If I were a wise man - I would travel far

If I were a shepherd - I would do my part

But poor as I am - I will give to Him my heart

Bridge: Here within a manger lies the One - Who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice - Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears - The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years - Christ the Messiah

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For The Fruit of All Creation

Verse 1: For the fruit of all creation - Thanks be to God

For His gifts to every nation - Thanks be to God

For the plowing sowing reaping - Silent growth while we are sleeping

Future needs in earth's safekeeping - Thanks be to God

Verse 2: In the just reward of labor - God's will is done

In the help we give our neighbor - God's will is done

In our worldwide task of caring - For the hungry and despairing

In the harvests we are sharing - God's will is done

Verse 3: For the harvests of the Spirit - Thanks be to God

For the good we all inherit - Thanks be to God

For the wonders that astound us - For the truths that still confound us

Most of all that love has found us - Thanks be to God

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Sermon Notes