

12/25/2022

## First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping 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](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call (920-324-2898) or email the church office ([waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.



**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](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**PO Box 32, Waupun**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Christmas Reading and Candle Lighting

\*Christmas Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" G340:1, 3, 4

\*God's Greeting

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

"Angels We Have Heard on High" G347:1, 3

Congregational Prayer

Songs of Worship: "Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"

"For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

"As with Gladness Men of Old" G358:1, 3, 5

Special Music: "A Christmas Hallelujah"

\*Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Message: "The Long Road to Bethlehem"

Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Joy to the World" G337:1-3

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Joy to the World" G337:4

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Christmas Reading and Candle  
Lighting: Life Group # 3, Rachel  
and Troy Hoffman
- Special Music: Nikki Durni, Cara  
Schmitt, Josie Venhuizen
- Accompanist: Laura Ten Pass
- Vocalists: Reagan Aylesworth,  
Aubryn DeJager, Megan Greenfield
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,  
Lois Mulder, Mike Vander Berg

- Coffee: Karen Aalsma
- Nursery: Emily Mulder, Kaytlin  
Smits, Kolten Buwalda
- Ushers: Brian O'Donovan, Gene  
Hofman

**Missionary Letters**

R De Maa to Neen\*

P De Vries 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 (Operation Christmas Child for December; Heartbeat International for January), 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** Harold Greenfield, Kathy Kamphuis, Larry Pluim, and Laura Ten Pass, all dealing with cancer.

**Thank you for the prayers, concern and support** as I have gone through surgery and anticipate another surgery in a few weeks. Thank you for the cards, meals and visits. We feel the love of our Church family.

- Lori Venhuizen

**Our sympathy to Glen and Sandy Greenfield** on the passing away of Glen's brother, Wes. Services were held this past week.

**Congratulations to Bruce and Hollie Ganz** on the birth of Maeve Lynn on December 21.

## **Church News**

### **Upcoming Dates**

- January 1, 9:30 AM New Year's Worship with Al Venhuizen preaching, no Sunday School or Catechism

**There is no Sunday School or catechism today or next week.**

**Pastor Schuringa** will be on a vacation week starting tomorrow.

**Wanda and I would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and New Year!** In addition, we want to thank you for your support over the past year for our work with Word Partners in SE Asia. God continues to bless this work of training pastors to become sound Expositors of the Word. The goal is that the Word of God flows powerfully through every church to every nation in the world. Your gifts and prayers have helped to make that possible.

- Pastor Ken Van De Griend

**Anyone interested in taking the Profession of Faith** class please reach out to Scott Ritzema and let him know so materials can be ordered. We will

start after the first of the year. This is open for any and all ages. I'm excited for our body to continue to grow and mature in our faith!

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.

**Young Couples Gathering:** Pastor Greg and Sarah plan to host a get together for couples in their 20s and 30s on Friday, January 13. Please reserve that evening and plan on joining us!

**There will be no specific church office hours** for the next two weeks. Please feel free to reach out to Lois if you have any questions or need to get into church.

**Reminder to all committees and life groups:** If you are meeting at church, please make sure to let Lois know so it is on the calendar and we don't have more than one group planning to use the basement.

## **Community News**

**The Community Table** is in urgent need of church groups, clubs, small groups, or even families to provide a meal on Fridays from 11-1. Presently, no one is signed up for any Fridays in 2023. Please help us provide this service to our deserving community members. To sign up for a week or two, call Terri Respalje at 920-324-4000 between 9 and 3, Monday-Thursdays. For information about numbers to prepare for or any other questions, call Ron Schaalma at 920-948-8069.

## **Denominational News**

**Christmas: God's Gift of Jesus** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Because God has given us all the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love at Christmas, we are able to share those gifts too. When we share the gifts of Christmas, we point others to the ultimate gift: Jesus. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Family Fire** - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Groundwork: Jesus, Shepherds, and Angels: A Savior is Born** - The story of Jesus Christ's birth is wonderfully familiar, but slowing down to read

and study it again brings comfort and renewed hope. Join Groundwork as we read and discuss the good news of Jesus' birth and the magnificent message the angels delivered to the shepherds in Luke 2:1-20. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - Today we light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that the light of Christ has come into the world. Light a Christ candle in your own home today as you celebrate. Consider lighting a candle at each mealtime in the coming week (or year!) to remind you that Jesus is always with you. (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](https://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))

**Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Next Week**

**Accompanist**

Cara Schmit

**Livestream**

Rachel Hoffman

**Coffee**

Al and LeAnne Holden

**PPT**

Cody Van Herwaarden

**Children's Worship**

Kim Greenfield, Avery Slings, Olivia Vander Werff

**Sound System**

Scott Ritzema

**Nursery**

Hailey Wagner, Lynnae Franken, Heidi Schaver

**Ushers**

Ryer Greenfield, Ben Mulder

<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)

Honor God  
Serve Others  
Transform Lives



### **Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)**

**Verse 1:** Angels from the realms of glory - Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story - Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship - Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

**Verse 2:** Shepherds in the field abiding - Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing - Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship - Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

**Chorus:** Emmanuel, Emmanuel - You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises – Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
Come have Your way among us - We welcome You here Lord Jesus

**Verse 3:** Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, - in His temple shall appear  
Come and worship - Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

**Verse 4:** Though an infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's  
throne – Gather all the nations to Him – Every knee shall then bow down  
Come and worship - Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Emmanuel, Emmanuel - Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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## **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

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

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## **Sermon Notes**