

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: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" G328:1, 4-7

*God's Greeting

*Song of Worship: "Your Name (Christmas Version)"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Budget and Operation Christmas Child

Haiti Update by Mark St. Peter

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

*Scripture: Ruth 2:14-23

Message: "Ruth Revealed #4: God's Providence, Big and Small"

Prayer

*Song of Preparation: "Jesus Messiah"

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Meaning and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread: "There is a Redeemer" R308

Passing of the Cup: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" R250

Song of Response: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" G356

(Offering for OH4F-Open Hands 4 the Fatherless mission in Haiti will be received—as God has met us in our need, we seek to meet the needs of others.)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Advent Doxology"

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

• Worship Leader and Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

• Advent Participants: Life Group #5,

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

• Accompanist: Brenda Hofman

• Vocalists: Hollie Ganz, Pete

Vander Werff, Renae Venhuizen

• Media Team: Joe Bresser,
Cassidy Ritzema, Gladys
Montsma

• Coffee: Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

• Children's Worship: Pat Jonker,
Ethan Homan, Tirzah Ritzema

• Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder, Jen
Ritzema, Kase Buwalda

- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Ryer Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Keith Buwalda to Neen
Kevin Buwalda 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), 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, recovery.
- Cayden Ruis, recovery.
- Delores Vande Kolk, as she is unable to worship with us.

Church News

Upcoming Dates

- 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 with Al Venhuizen preaching, no Sunday School or Catechism

If you are planning on completing the Organ Survey, either online or on paper, please have it completed by Monday, Dec. 12.

Office hours next week will be Thursday from 10:00 to 1:30 PM.

If you love to sing and spread Christmas cheer, please join us to go Christmas Caroling **TODAY**. We will meet at church at 2:45 PM. Please talk to Katie DeJager 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.

Please join us in the narthex after church for a meet and greet with Mark St. Peter & family, missionaries from Haiti that work with OH4F. There will be bars and coffee available as well as an information table set up. Mark and the kids will be available to answer any questions you might have.

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.

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

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.

The next **ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** will take place next Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 AM. If you have not come in the past, please consider joining us. It is a great opportunity for men to come together for some great fellowship and food.

CWC Middle School & High School Christmas Concert: Start your Christmas celebrations with us! The Middle School and High School bands and choirs, along with the New Generation Singers will begin our Christmas

celebration on Monday, Dec. 12. The concert is held in the Crusader Centre and begins at 6:30 PM.

CWC Elementary Christmas Program: Our elementary students are working hard on preparing their Christmas Program! We will be sharing "The Christmas Story" with musical arrangements by Teresa & Paul Jennings on Tuesday, December 20, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Please come to whichever time works best for you. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our music with you!

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.

God's Love at Christmas - Share the warmth of God's love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renew's Gift Catalog this Christmas. Give a life-changing gift to a family that is facing hardship and hunger in the year ahead. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday:	9:00 AM	Coffee Break at Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	GEMS Club Night - Caroling! @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Sunday:	8:30 AM	11 th /12 th Grade Catechism
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	4:30 PM	Life Group #7 Christmas

Honor God
Serve Others
Transform Lives



Next Week

Accompanist

Marlyce Mulder

Children's Worship

Arent Venhuizen, Emma Hoffman,
Kolten Buwalda

Coffee

Kim Greenfield

Nursery

Hailey Wagner, Becca Vree,
Troj Hoffman

Livestream

Greggy Zonnefeld

PPT

Carter Slings

Sound System

Tyler Ten Pass

Ushers

Arent Venhuizen, Neil Venhuizen

<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)

Your Name (Christmas Version)

Verse 1: Humbly to the earth You came - Born into this world to save
God with us Emmanuel - Now we adore Your Name

Chorus: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower - Your Name is a shelter
like no other - Your Name let the nations sing it louder
For nothing has the power to save - (But Your Name)

Verse 2: Jesus in Your Name we pray - Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You - And glorify Your Name

Interlude: Wonderful Counselor Prince of Peace

Ending: God with us Emmanuel - God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel - Now we adore Your Name

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Jesus Messiah

Verse 1: He became sin who knew no sin - That we might become His
righteousness - He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus: Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel - The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven - Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2: - His body the bread His blood the wine - Broken and poured out all
for love - The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge: All our hope is in You - All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God - The Light of the world

Ending: Jesus Messiah - Lord of all
The Lord of all - The Lord of all

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Advent Doxology (Tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High”)

Praise to God the Father sing,

Praise to God the Son, our King,

Praise to God the Spirit be

Ever and eternally.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Sermon Notes