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 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

*Songs of Worship: "Holy, Holy, Holy" G249:1, 3

"Jesus Messiah" "Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)"

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Song of Worship: "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" G475:1-3

Children ages 3-6 are dismissed for Children's Worship during this song

*Scripture: 2 Peter 1:8-11

Message: "Our Precious Faith #4: Why We Want to Grow in Faith"

Prayer

Song of Worship: "I Will Rise" Preparation for Communion Celebration of Communion

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (during the passing of the bread)
"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" G307 (during the passing of the cup)

Excerpts from Psalm 103

- *Song of Praise: "Bless His Holy Name" G627
- *Benediction
- *Closing Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"
- *Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon:
 Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Guitar and Vocals: Craig Slings
- Vocalists: Aubryn DeJager, Kim Greenfield, Jessica Ten Pass
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff, Cody Van Herwaarden, Mike Vander Berg
- Coffee: Steve & Heidi Smits

- Children's Worship: Sarah Schuringa, Cassidy Ritzema
- Nursery: Lynnae Franken, Casey Homan, Tirzah Ritzema
- Ushers: Ben Mulder, Gene Hofman

Missionary Letters

H Venhuizen to Neen
J Venhuizen 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 (Gideons for October), 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.
- Brenda Merhalski, radiation treatments for a brain tumor.
- Wilma Navis and Delores Vande Kolk, as they are unable to worship with us.

I'VE MOVED! New address for Leanne Johnson: 450 E Franklin St, #B1, Waupun WI 53963.

Our sympathy goes out to Louie and Nancy Wierenga on the passing of Louie's brother, James Wierenga this past Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 3, 2022, at 10 AM at Bethel CRC in Waupun with Rev. Roger Sparks officiating. Burial will follow at the Alto Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call on the family on Sunday at Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home in Waupun from 3-5 PM and on Monday at the church from 9 AM until the time of service.

Church News

Next Sunday, October 9: We welcome Attaboy, the official worship team for Youth for Christ to lead us in singing. Also, in worship Scott Ritzema and others will share their experience going to YCF camp last summer.

Church Email List: if you are not on the First CRC email list, please contact Lois in the office at waupuncrc@gmail.com so you can be added. We occasionally send out mid-week church prayer requests and announcements, and would like everyone who wants to, to be able to stay connected to what's happening at First Church.

First Facebook and Website: Whether you are newer to First or a longtime member, our Facebook page and website are available to provide important all-church communications and help keep us connected mid-week and when

you may miss a Sunday or two. You'll find our bulletins, videos of our worship services, the church calendar and more. https://www.facebook.com/1stcrcwaupun and https://www.waupuncrc.com.

There is **no Sunday School or Catechism next Sunday**, October 9, because of Pastor Appreciation.

Next week Sunday after the service, there will be a meeting in the sanctuary for all members who are **working with or teaching our young people** (Sunday School, catechism, GEMS, SWaT, etc) to sign the Code of Ethics.

Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and gifts to serve God in the children's and youth ministries this coming school year. We are so thankful that someone stepped up to teach 6-8 graders and all the other grades so we can start Sunday School and Catechism. However, we are still in need of two adults to serve the SWaT middle school youth group. SWaT only meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you feel a nudge by the Holy Spirit, please reach out to Dan Scheuers or anyone on the church education committee. We can't do it without you.

Fall College Care Packages: Pastor Greg and Sarah's Life Group invite the congregation to contribute toward care packages for First CRC's 13 or so college students who live away as well as toward something for our several college students who live at home. We plan to talk to parents and make these packages individualized to each student. We are asking for monetary gifts so that based on the information we gather, our Life Group can use the money to purchase gift cards to places that each student likes and that are near where they live. We also hope to include a devotional for each student and perhaps some other items. Thank you for considering participating in this way to show our church's care to our college students! Please place any contributions in the Schuringa mailbox at church by Sunday, October 9.

Our church is hosting a Voice of the Martyrs virtual event called "Imprisoned for Christ" on Sunday, October 30 from 3 – 6 PM. We will hear from three inspiring speakers from different restricted nations dominated by Islam, each was arrested, interrogated, and imprisoned. While all three struggled to find God's purpose in their suffering, they ultimately recognized His faithfulness and love amid desperate circumstances. In addition to their firsthand testimonies, you will enjoy an engaging panel discussion moderated by VOM Radio host Todd Nettleton as well as inspiring worship music from Dove Award—winning artist Natalie Grant. Refreshments will be provided. Please mark your calendars today and plan

to join us at our church on October 30. If you have any questions, contact Mike Vander Berg.

Community News

Today, October 2, 2022, from 2-3 PM. The Annual Life Chain sponsored by the Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right To Life.

Central Wisconsin Christian's annual Servathon is quickly approaching! On Friday, October 28, from 8 to noon, CWC's high schoolers will break out into groups to serve families and businesses throughout Waupun and all of our neighboring communities and towns. Is there something that we can do to help you? Do you know of someone that would be blessed by us helping them? If yes, please reach out to CWC's High School Office at 920-324-4233, ext. 310 or send an email to serve@wearecwc.org. Please be sure we have your request by Friday, October 21, so we can ensure it is included in our scheduling. We are excited to serve within our communities! This will be a great day!

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

> 10:45 AM Sunday School and Catechism

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Coffee Break at Bethel CRC

> 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (5/6) in the Upper Room

GEMS at Bethel CRC 6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study in the Upper Room 6:30 PM

PPT

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Cody Van

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Next Week

Accompanist Livestream Lois Mulder Rachel Hoffman

Children's Worship

Pat Jonker, Olivia Vander Werff Beth Schlieve

Coffee

Sound System Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg Joe Bresser

Nursery

Mackenzie Mulder, Aubryn DeJager,

Herwaarden Morgan Buwalda

Honor God Serve Others Transform Lives



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

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Jesus Take All Of Me (Just As I Am)

Verse 1: Just as I am without one plea - But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee - O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 2: Just as I am though toss'd about - With all my conflict all my doubt Fightings and fears within without - O Lamb of God I come I come

Chorus: Jesus take all of me - I come to You, I run to You I lay ev'rything at Your feet - Let my life be Yours

Verse 3: Just as I am poor, wretched blind, - Sight, riches, healing of the mind - Yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God I come, I come!

Verse 4: Just as I am Thou wilt receive - Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve Because Thy promises I believe - O Lamb of God I come I come

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I Will Rise

Verse 1: There's a peace I've come to know - Though my heart and flesh may fail - There's an anchor for my soul - I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome - And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won - He is risen from the dead

Chorus: (And) I will rise when He calls my name - No more sorrow no more pain - I will rise on eagle's wings - Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2: There's a day that's drawing near - When this darkness breaks to light - And the shadows disappear - And my faith shall be my eyes

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing - Worthy is the Lamb And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart - Worthy is the Lamb (REPEAT) Worthy is the Lamb

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1: How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2: Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

Verse 3: I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Verse 1: Salvation belongs to our God - Who sits upon the throne And unto the Lamb - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks Honour and power and strength

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever

Be to our God forever and ever - Be to our God forever and ever - Amen

Verse 2: And we the redeemed shall be strong - In purpose and unity Declaring aloud - Praise and glory wisdom and thanks Honour and power and strength

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Sermon Notes