

Church Calendar for April 10-17, 2016

Sunday ~ April 10: Newcomer Lunch, Communion /Name Tags/GG

Special Offering for the Roof Replacement Project

11:00am – 12noon Newcomer lunch served in Emerson House

11:00am – 12noon Grow Groups (intergenerational Sunday School)

5:00pm - Youth Group Upstairs – practice for worship

Monday, ~ April 11

6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ April 12

7:30am - 4:00pm *Classical Conversations Challenge A*

1:00pm – Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday~ April 13: Family Night

9:00am - April 13-We'll meet at Molly Schuttinga-Hanson's home.

5:45pm – Family Night Meal/GEMS/Cadets lead worship, Coffee Break

7:00pm – ESL Conversation Group in Rm. 12/13

Thursday ~ April 14

9-11:00am – Sew & Sews Sewing group in Rm. 12/13

Friday ~ April 15

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ April 16

7:00am – Men's Bible Study

10-12 noon - Dance Practice in Sanctuary

Sunday – April 17 – Kolsten Ruter Baptism

11-12noon – Membership Class in Emerson House

11-12 noon - Grow Groups

A sincere welcome to our guests. We are glad you are here!

Please fill out a Connect Card found in the pews and on the tables.

Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back.

Coffee & Tea can be found near the doors. Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this week and all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. Gluten Free wafers are available. **Please join hosts Rod and Lana Oosterhouse, and staff members, for the monthly Newcomer lunch immediately following our worship service today on April 10th from 11-12 in the Emerson House, directly South of the church building.**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 10th

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Cheryl Schmitt, Noah Van den Boogaard,

Keith Bol, Ali Schroder

Children in Worship: *Jesus Is Risen*, Kelli Schuttinga, Caleb Jonker, Mikaila Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Donn Hansum & Eric Den Braber

PPT Preparation: Jill Schreurs

Sound: David Schans **Video:** Davis Addink **PPT:** Richard Mannes

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #3

Lord's Supper Preparation: Grow Group #3

Coffee: Lohmann

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, April 17th

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Erin Reynolds, Lea Gunnett, Torre Blohm,

Charlotte Reynolds

Children in Worship: *Jesus Appears to Thomas*, Cathy Van Donselaar,

Torre Blohm, Ali Schroder

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis, Joel Jonker

PPT Preparation: James Timmer

Sound: Paul DeBoer **Video:** Hannah DeBoer **PPT:** Annika DeBoer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #3

Coffee: Timmer

Grow Group Schedule

Join us for our final Grow Group events this season:

April 10 - "Up" - Group Lesson – *The Catechism & Our Faith Stories*

April 17 - "Up" - Group Lesson – *I Can Do It Myself: The Difficulty of Living Out the Catechism*

April 24 – "In" - Video Scavenger Hunt for All Ages (Bring Cell Phones)

May 1 – "In" - All-Church BBQ: Pit Stop and Emerson House back yard.

May 8 - Sign up for the following "Out" service options throughout May:

*Visit **Canterbury Gardens Assisted Living** on May 15

*Help with cleanup/repair at **RoundUp Fellowship's Houses**, serving people with developmental disabilities

*Spring clean up for seniors through **Volunteer's In Action**

Roof Replacement Update:

One year ago, all of the roofs, except the roof on the new garage, were 45 to 50 years old and badly in need of replacement.

As of last week, all of the roofs on all of the church-owned buildings have been replaced. The Facilities Budget will cover \$8,000 of the repair costs.

The goal is to collect the remaining \$50,000 in special gifts, in the next three months, so repair expenses do not impact the budgets in future years.

Please consider whether you can contribute to meet this need, without decreasing your support of the general fund. Today, **April 10th**, the offering will be designated for defraying this expense, but you can give your gifts at any time. **A more detailed letter has been emailed to all First Church.*

Requested Announcements:

Celebrate Successful Aging ~ with Aged To Perfection, the 11th Annual fundraising event **on April 21, 2016 4:30pm-8:30pm**, at Holly Creek: 5500 East Peakview Avenue in Centennial 80121, on behalf of Christian Living Communities. Reservations requested by April 15th, go to: ChristianLivingCommunities.org/aged-to-perfection.

For questions, please contact Lopez@CLCmail.org 720.974.3642.

Youth For Christ invites you to their Annual Auction **April 23, 9-12!**

Free admission to Pace Center in Parker, something for everyone: Vacations/staycations, Super Bowl 50 memorabilia, Mother/Father's day gift certificates, golfing foursomes and much more! yfcdenver.org/events

Save the date! Platt Park Children's Center's Silent Auction will be on **Friday, April 29**. We hope you can join us for a fun night celebrating our preschool community! The PPCC Plant Sale flyer is in your mailbox!

JAMLAC invites you to a Kentucky Derby celebration of 10 years of seeking Justice. **Saturday, May 7, 2016** from 3-7pm at the Wellshire Inn: 3333 South Colorado Blvd. Denver 80222
RSVP at www.JAMLAC/ORG/DERBY Admission: FREE! Donations appreciated. Appetizers, Live Music and childcare provided.



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Order of Worship ~ April 10, 2016

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Song: *Sing to the King* LUYH 474

*Litany of Praise Based on Ephesians 1:3-13, NLB

We praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us with every blessing in heaven
Because we belong to Christ.

Long ago, even before He made the world
God chose us to be His very own
And to adopt us into His family
Because we belong to Christ.

So overflowing is His kindness toward us
That He took away all our sins through the blood of His Son
And made us holy in His eyes,
Because we belong to His Christ.

He gives us His Spirit
To assure us that, one day,
He will gather us all together to be with Him forever
Just as He promised.
Because we belong to Christ.

*Songs: *Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand* LUYH 708

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Time of Silence

Spoken Prayer
Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against You
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,
we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.

The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

Pastor: Praise be to our God,

Congregation: who has chosen and made us His own.

Pastor: Praise be to our God,

Congregation: who forgives and cleanses us.

Pastor: Praise be to our God,

Congregation: who blesses us beyond our imagination!

Song of Thanksgiving: *My Jesus I Love Thee* LUYH 366

Offering and Offertory: Roof Project

Offertory Prayer

Word

Children in Worship Blessing

Leader: The Lord is here.

The Lord is there.

The Lord is everywhere.

The Lord is high.

The Lord is low.

The Lord is on the path we go.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

*Song: *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

1: Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong - body and soul,
in life and in death -
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him,

Christ, by His Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for Him.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer

Table

Communion Liturgy: *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* LUYH 810

The Institution: **...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration: followed by the *The Lord's Prayer*

Invitation

Distribution Song: *You Are Mine* *Choir*

Communion and Prayer

Response of Thanksgiving

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will trouble or hardship? **No!**

Will persecution or famine? **No!**

Will nakedness or danger or sword? **No!**

Will grief and sorrow and loneliness? **No!**

Will doubts and fears, sins and failures? **No!**

Will death separate you from the love of Jesus? **No!**

Will anything separate you from the love of Jesus? **No!**

Why not?

**In all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

For I am convinced

that neither death nor life,

neither angels nor demons,

neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

neither height nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation

will be able to separate us

from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Sending Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

*Blessing

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Musicians and Accompanists: First CRC Band, Barb Hogan & Christy Bol

Prayer For God's People

Pray for Kyle Cooper as he graduates in May, and transitions from Asuza Pacific to life and ministry in Denver at First Church.

Let us lift up all of our ministry partners this week: Victor and Sandra Perez, Margaret Njuguna and the En-Gedi staff and children, the Broek family, the Starkenburg family, Claire Froehlich and the youth she mentors, and Jon and Marian Cady for: strengthened faith, wisdom, guidance, provision and protection.

Missionary Celebrations: Liam Starkenburg's birthday is April 12th.

First Church Upcoming Activities

ESL Conversation Group: Our next ESL conversation group will be **this Wed, April 13th from 7-8pm in the library.** Get to know people learning English through Cascade of Hope with Victor Perez. Contact Kim Csepe kim@firstcrcdenver.org

All High Schoolers: On April 17th the teens and youth of First will lead the music for the church service. If you are a teen at First we would love your help! Please come to our meeting/**practice tonight, April 10th,** and bring your instruments. We will have a meal, practice and talk a little about worship. Please join us, whether you are a part of our regular meeting or not! We would love your help!

Mom's morning playgroup: meets **Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Kids play, while moms visit together, drink coffee and get to know each other better! To be added to the e-mail list: alliechristians4@gmail.com.

April 13-We'll meet at Molly Schuttinga-Hanson's home.

Senior Moments: Reminder, to sign up for the Tuesday, **April 19th tour** to "*Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum*" by Sunday, the 17th. Lunch at "North County". We will leave the church at 9:15. Details are in the flyer. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

First Church men are invited to join the men of Immanuel CRC, Fort Collins, for the annual **Men's Retreat in Moab, Utah, Friday, April 29-Sunday morning, May 1.** Quite a few men arrive earlier, on Thursday. Our sites are reserved for Thursday night as well as Friday and Saturday. All First Church men and guests are welcome. Chris Lighthiser is the contact for First Church: clighthiser@gmail.com.

June 13-17, 2016 Eagle Lake Summer Camp to be held again this year at Hope Community Church. First Church is partnering with Hope and Platt Park Churches to host this fun-filled week for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Postcards are available at the back tables for you to share with friends and family. Go to <http://eaglelakecamps.com/athope> to register.

Council Announcements

Council Nominations - It is time to prayerfully consider nominations of members to serve as Elders and Deacons for the next three years, beginning in July. This year we will elect two Deacons and three Elders, with one of the elders serving as Clerk. Nomination forms are available in back of church, or you may e-mail your nominations **by April 17** with a brief description of spiritual gifts to Darrell@firstcrcdenver.org

Worship Coordinator Position

We are happy to announce that **Kyle Cooper has accepted** the offer from First CRC to become our Worship and Music Coordinator. Kyle takes a lot of joy in planning thoughtful, thematic and scripturally rooted worship services. He also values worship that is grounded in tradition but incorporates contemporary elements. Above all, we think Kyle is a man of great Christian character who has a teachable spirit and with whom others would enjoy working. We expect him to start work shortly after he graduates in May and hopefully have some time with Pastor Joel before he and Jill leave for their trip to Israel.