

Church Calendar for the week of: April 9th, 2017

Palm Sunday ~ April 9: Pastor Joel Schreurs, Offering is for Ignite Ministries.

11:00am - Town Hall Mtg. with DFF Bret; January Series Rm. 24, Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal downstairs

CEP – Christian Education Meeting in Emerson House (next door to church)

5-9pm – Youth Group at church with Guest Jeff Van Kooten

Monday ~ April 10: office is closed

9:15pm – Prayer For the Persecuted Church in Rooms 12/13

6:30pm: Count Committee

Tuesday ~ April 11:

1:00pm – Staff Meeting

7:00pm – Deacon's Meeting

7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ April 12:

7:30am – Men's Morning Huddle in the Emerson House

5:45pm - Family Night (Meal: Beth G./Henry Z.), Nursery: Anne Rajewski

Thursday ~ April 13:

9:00am – Sew & Sews

Friday ~ April 14: Good Friday

9:00am – Library Ladies

6:30pm – Good Friday Service

Saturday ~ April 15:

7:00am – Men's Bible Study in Rm. 21

10:00am - Dance practice

Easter Sunday ~ April 16: Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching;

Offering for the General operating Fund of First CRC.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, April 9th

Nursery: Jen Van Otterloo, Amy Vance, Roger Van den Boogaard, Brett Van den Boogaard, Elianah Reynolds

CIW: Hosanna! Briana Van Andel, Elle Reynolds, Matthew Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Lohmann **SS Nursery:** Vermeers

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Lord's Supper Prep in April: **Grow Group 4**

Good Friday, April 14th

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Melanie Jonker, Carissa Van Donselaar, Matthew Jonker

Thank you to all serving Resurrection Sunday, April 16th

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Eric Den Braber, Aaron Buys, Gracie Hansum, Trevin Schmitt

CIW: Best Day Ever! Becky Vermeer, Hannah DeBoer, Gracie Hansum

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Coffee: Staff

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Lord's Supper on Easter: **Grow Group 4**

Holy Week at First Church:

April 12th: Regular Family Night

April 13th: Maundy Thursday~ No special events

April 14th: Good Friday ~ 6:30pm Contemplative Evening Worship

April 16th: Easter Sunday ~ 9:30 am Service

A warm welcome to all newcomers, guests and visitors! Please fill out a *Connect card* found in each pew. Coffee and tea are in the foyer. Prayer elders are up front. If you have been attending and are interested in pursuing membership, save the date: **April 30th at 11:00am** for an informational meeting in the Emerson House.

Eagle Lakes Camps Update:

Questions? Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrcdenver.org

- As of April 8, about 78 campers have already registered!
- 3 more weeks to register for Eagle Lakes Camps before the price goes up from \$79 per camper to \$179 per camper.
- Register online at eaglelakecamps.com/hope
- We need volunteers - lunch team for the staff on one of the days, host families, high school crew members, check-in and check-out volunteers. You can volunteer at eaglelakecamps.com/volunteer
- Eagle Lake Camp is a day camp for kids ages 6-12, June 12-16, 9am-4pm @ Hope Community Church, 1801 S. Logan St.

Opportunities To Support:

Benefit for Joshua Station: The 11th Annual Spring Theater Event will benefit the families transitioning from homelessness to stability at Joshua Station. Event Details: *The Robber Bridegroom*

April 19th | 5:30-8:30PM

Town Hall Arts Center | 2450 W. Main St, Littleton, CO 80120

VIP tickets (\$100) and General Admission seating (free) [are available now.](#)

For more information, please

visit www.joshuastationdenver.org/springtheater/!

Support Christian Living Centers:

Twelfth Annual "Aged To Perfection", coming up **Thursday April 20th, 5:30-8:30pm** at Holly Creek: 5500 East Peakview Avenue in Centennial, CO 80121. This year, a silent auction will feature trips ranging from a culinary experience in Tuscany, Italy to a family trip to Kennedy Space Center in Florida, along with many other art and theme park items available.

Register online at:

<http://christianlivingcommunities.org/aged-to-perfection/>

If you are unable to attend, and would simply rather donate your support, please email Morgan Shoup, Donor relations Coordinator at #720.974.3642 or mshoup@clcmail.org.

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org #303.733.4936

Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
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Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing *abundant life in Jesus...* **Order of Worship**

Gathering ~ April 9th, 2017

Prelude

Song: *Hosanna* by Sunday School Singers

Welcome

Tableau Invitation: *When you hear this chime close your eyes and listen to the reading. When you hear the chime again open your eyes to view the scene. When you hear the chime again close your eyes.*

Reading 1: Triumphal Entry

*Song: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Reading 2: Teachings part 1

Parable of the Tenants

Reading 3: Teaching part 2

Offering and Offertory

Children In Worship Dismissal

Reading 4: Teaching on the End Times

Prayer for Intercession

TABLE

Reading 5: Lord's Supper and Communion

Distribution Songs: *Behold the Lamb* LUYH 840

Reading 6: Gethsemane

Song: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* LUYH 161 (verse 1 and 2)

Reading 7: Peter Denies Jesus

Song: *Kyrie* LUYH 637

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus
Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Reading 8: Trial and Crucifixion

Song: *The Power of the Cross* LUYH 177 Dance Team

Reading 9: Burial

Trombone Solo: *Were You There?*

Please remain seated and consider these words:
Do not hurry away from the cross.
Linger near to survey,
to stand,
to ponder our Savior's suffering and death.
Consider, carefully and well, the preciousness of His sacrifice for
you, the greatness of His mercy toward you.

Blessing

Postlude:

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band
Readers: Karissa Lamsma, Joel Jonker, Caleb Jonker, Jeremy Waanders, Rod
Oosterhouse, Karen Ham, Donn Hansum, Joel Schreurs., Kelli Schuttinga,
Russ DenBraber, Ed Schans, Bret Lamsma
Accompanist: Christy Bol
Trombone Soloist: Ethan Anema
Dance Team choreographer: Jessica Benson

Prayer and Care for God's People

We are very grateful for your prayer support for my mom, Alice Hieb, and trust that God will bring us all through this difficult journey and cause His will to come to pass. *Marj and Don DeBoer*

We pray for protection for our neighbors in the Whittier neighborhood, and freedom and healing for young people trapped in drugs and gang violence.

We praise God for sending rain to bring forth a grand display of His beauty in the bright flowers, budding trees, green grass and white-capped mountains!

Groups and Activities:

One more opportunity to meet with our new Director of Faith Formation – Today, **April 9th** all members of First are invited to meet in *the sanctuary after the morning worship* service to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that our congregation faces when it comes to faith formation. This is our chance to get to know Pastor Bret and his vision for faith formation as well as have congregational input in the formation process at First CRC.

Final Opportunity for CEP informational meetings~

Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at these meetings is *required* to participate in academic year 2017-2018: the final meeting is today, Sunday, **April 9 from 11-11:30am in the Emerson House**. Contact cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org

Sunday School opportunity for adults: We will be showing one of the January Series videos on **April 9 at 11:00 in the Council Room**. If you missed these lectures when they were shown at Denver Christian School in January, this will be an opportunity to view and discuss content.

Senior Moments: Our tour to FOX 31 will be **April 18th**. We will also have lunch at Racine's approximately 12:30. We plan to **leave church at 9:45** as our tour begins at 10:30. We will tour the master control room and watch a live noon broadcast. Deadline to sign up is April 16th. See details in the flyer. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

All those involved in leading the Sunday School program this year are invited to a lunch on **Sunday, April 23 at about 11:15am**. This includes everyone who taught, was an aide, or substitute taught, provided snacks, taught songs, Magnify leaders, catechism teachers, and the overall coordinators. This will be a time for our Director of Faith Formation, Bret Lamsma, to get to know you, thank you, and receive feedback from you. Hope to see you all there!

All Church Picnic celebration, at First CRC, after worship on May 7th: More food and fellowship details to come. This event will be hosted by our Grow Group Elder/Deacon Teams, with Ed Schans as Chairman of Fun!

Requested Announcements:

An Invitation - to join Bethany Christian Services for the musical performance of "*The Robber Bridegroom*" on **April 11, 2017, 7:30pm**. It will be at the Town Hall Arts Center located at 2450 W. Main Street, Littleton, CO 80120. Please logon to our website to reserve your tickets. Tickets are free but we require an RSVP at www.bethany.org/colorado and go under the 'Events' tab. There will be an opportunity to give to Bethany's ministry at the performance. If you have questions, please call the office at [303-221-0734](tel:303-221-0734) or email jhodapp@bethany.org.

Father Into Your Hands - In the finality of Jesus Christ's dying words we discover hope. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:26-31, 44-49 to understand Jesus' experience and see how he teaches us about our relationship with God and life after death in one simple dying sentence. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes (an online ministry of *Back To God, Intl.*).

Council News

Deacon/Elder Nominations:

It is time for Council Nominations again. First CRC members will be asked to submit names for elders and deacons. 2017/2018 nomination forms are available in the back of church this weekend. Retiring elders are Eric Den Braber and Rick Schmitt. Retiring deacons are Kyle VanAnDel, Keith Bol, and Troy Newcombe (treasurer). We are extremely grateful for the dedication to First Church, and the time, talent and treasure these people have offered to our church family. Thank you!

Please return blue nomination forms to the green nomination box in foyer, to Clerk of Council, Karen Waanders or to your Elder/Deacon by **April 17**. You may also e-mail nominations to kwaanders@firstcrcdenver.org.

First CRC Giving Survey: Thank you to all who have returned a Giving survey on-line, or by hard copy. If you have not filled out a survey yet, will you please take 5 minutes today to **give us your feedback** by placing a completed form in the basket in the foyer? Answers are completely anonymous and the information collected will greatly assist Council with strategic planning.

Missionary Updates & Birthdays:

Liam Starkenburg's Birthday - April 12th

Please pray for the Nicaragua Retreat Team throughout this week: Team members: Alice Waanders, Leah Van Donselaar, Alyse Young, Sharon Engel, Karen Waanders, Melanie Jonker, Erin Reynolds and Davinia Lyon. The team is serving missionary families by sharing God's word during fun activities with the children, so the parents can refuel and fellowship.

Save the date! Platt Park Children's Center Silent Auction is April 28. More information coming. PPCC is looking to replenish our substitute teacher list for this school year and will be **adding to our teaching staff next school year**. If you love to work with young children and have experience/early childhood education call [303-282-7722](tel:303-282-7722) or email ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com for more information. Thank you!

Come with Living Water International (LWI) to drill a clean water well in a community in northeast Honduras. We are forming a drill/hygiene team to drill a well **Nov. 4-11, 2017**. Your **commitment** to join the team should be made by **May 4**. Another team from the Oakwood Christian Reformed Church of Belding, MI will partner with the team from Denver. They are also sponsoring the cost of this well. If you are interested in joining the team, please email me at awassenaar@cox.net or Kim Rathgeber at kim@water.cc ~ Al Wassenaar