

Church Calendar for August 7-14, 2016

Sunday ~ August 7

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for Calvin Seminary.
11:00am Send-off Reception for Alyse Young

Monday ~ August 8

Tuesday ~ August 9

1:00 -3:00pm – Staff meeting - Room 21
7:00pm ~ Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday ~ August 10

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

Thursday ~ August 11

Friday ~ August 12

9:00am - Library Ladies
6:30pm – Pit Stop (Private party)

Saturday ~ August 13

10:00am - Circle of Hope
9:30am - Coffee Break August Social rooms 12/13

Sunday ~ August 14

Guest Pastor Dave De Ridder; Offering is for General Fund
Newcomer Welcome lunch hosted by Jeff and Allie Christians.

Welcome to all of our visitors, we are glad you are here! The next newcomer welcome lunch will be held on **August 14, from 11-12** in the Emerson House, hosted by Jeff and Allie Christians! If you are new to First Church, please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back to draw on and return for a surprise. Refreshments and good fellowship can be found out front.

*Please note, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on **August 21st** this month, followed by a *Send-off* reception for Norm & Joyce Baker and Dave & Pat Blankespoor immediately following worship service.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, August 7th

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Rick Schmitt, Luke Monroe, Torre Blohm, Micah DenBraber

Children in Worship: *Ten Plagues* Allie Christians & Logan Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

Sound: Jon Waanders **Video:** Isaac Jonker **PPT Slides:** Gabe Zoetewey

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, August 14th

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Sheri DeHaan, Bob Reynolds, Hayden Posthumus and Isaac Den Braber

Children in Worship: *Moses/Red Sea* Jon & Ari Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Video:** Brett VDB **PPT:** Wyatt Vermeer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #1

Lord's Supper Prep for 8/21: Grow Group #1

Coffee: Den Braber

Sermon Notes Section: Mark 14: 32-52



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Order of Worship ~ August 7, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship: Ephesians 1

We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which He has called us.

That hope is the redemption we have through the power of Christ.

His power for us who believe is incomparably great.

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Christ is far above all rule and authority, and all power and dominion, in this age, and in the age to come.

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name verses 1, 2, 5 LUYH 601

Zephaniah tells us,

The Lord your God is with you, the *Mighty Warrior* who saves.

He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

*Stronger

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Song of Confession: *Lord Have Mercy* LUYH 639

Prayer of Confession: LUYH 636

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.

[sing Kyrie one time]

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to 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.

[sing Kyrie one time]

Assurance of Pardon: I Timothy 1:15 LUYH 636
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that free from sin,
we might live for righteousness. By His wounds we are healed.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 69, 70
How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one
sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

**In this way:
Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised
that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body,
so certainly His blood and His Spirit wash away my soul's
impurity, that is, all my sins.**

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

**To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has
forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in
His sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit
means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be
members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to
sin and live holy and blameless lives.**

*Song of Thanksgiving: *The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me* LUYH 704

Offering: Calvin Seminary

Offertory: Men's Quartet
*"Wonderful Words of Life"
"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"*

Offertory Prayer

Word

Children in Worship
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.**

Scripture: Mark 14:32-52 page 1020

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *On The Brink of Battle* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Sending

Song of response: *Christ Is Risen* Band

Armor of God: Col. 2:15

*Sending Song: *O Church Arise* Band

*Blessing

*Postlude
Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First CRC Band with Accompanist Barb Hogan & Men's Quartet

Elders up front will consider it an honor to pray with and for you.

*First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for
prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer
offered, please send your prayer requests by email to:
Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com*

Prayer For God's People

Pray for participants in YFC's Jeremiah camp this weekend, that the Word
of God comes alive in their hearts through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for those in hospice care and anyone undergoing cancer treatment.

Amy and James Timmer are grateful for your support as Amy recovers well
from an out-patient eye surgery earlier in the week.

Pray for protection, provision and a sense of Christ's presence as Alyse
Young enters graduate school in a new city.

First Church Upcoming Activities

Men's Wednesday Morning Group
The Men's Wednesday morning group is meeting in the Emerson House,
and would like to invite any men who are interested to come and join! They
are studying the book, *Covenant and Kingdom, the DNA of the Bible*. **Coffee
at 6:00am, breakfast at 6:30, closing prayer at 7:30am.**

The Twenty-Somethings Group will get together to study the Gospel of
John. Locations and dates vary, so contact: Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Our Next Newcomer welcome lunch will be on **August 14th**, in the
Emerson House, from 11:00am -12:00noon. Our host couple will be Jeff
and Allie Christians. These lunches are casual fellowship times to provide
an opportunity for new folks to meet staff members and enjoy a meal!
Children are welcome and no reservations are needed.

Cadet Summer Event: We are not ready to give up on summer! Hold the
date for **Saturday morning, from 9AM to Noon, August 20th**. Come and
go as your schedule allows. Join us for a morning of fun as we bring back
the *Skid Steer Rodeo, drift trikes, and assorted games*. Look for an email with
more details coming your way soon. This is focused on boys and men, but
we'll throw open the doors if there are any sisters or Moms who want to
join us. Contact Joel Jonker or Mr. Cal for more information.

Membership Directory Photos will be taken **August 21, and August 28**.
They are free, take only a few minutes and will be uploaded for you. Our
High School volunteers will be helping. If you are not here...no worries!
Just **email** a *selfie* with your name and updated contact information [email
address, cell phone and street address} to connections@firstcrcdenver.org
and we'll upload your individual or family pictures.

Requested Announcements & Opportunities:

Service Opportunities with Volunteers In Action: Three separate
women could use a warm, sensitive & fun spirited volunteer! Maybe you're
that person...check it out! **Lady 1** lives in Englewood in a care facility, is 88
years old & very lonely. **Lady 2** lives in Denver (Hampden/Yosemite area)
in her own home, needs help grocery shopping, is 81 years old and loves to
walk! **Lady 3** is 24, blind, with a strong personality but lonely for friends &
someone to take her shopping (groceries & sundries). Her preference is a
younger volunteer. Give Kelli a call at VIA: 303-713-9144, if any of these
opportunities touch your heart.

Barnabas Foundation

**If you have unanswered questions about your Estate Plan, you are not
alone.** **Jim Prichard**, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will
be meeting with Christian families in our area from **August 23-August
24, 2016 (please notice the new dates)**. Jim will be happy to provide
clear and easy-to-understand Estate Planning information regardless of the
size of your Estate, your age or stage in life. There is no financial obligation
for this confidential meeting. If you would like to meet with Jim, please
contact Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll free at 888-448-3040.

CAR WASH on Saturday, August 27th @ Joshua Station! \$5 Suggested
donation. Beginning at 10am. **Art & Auction Fundraiser** to support our
Youth Education Programming will be held on **Friday, October 7th at
7pm@ 913 N. Wyandot Denver, 80204.**

Web-site Updates: www.firstcrcdenver.org

Check out the *Membership Directory* and new Grow Group
assignments at www.firstcrcdenver.org. *Is your family contact information
listed correctly? Would you like to include current information for your
college students?* As we re-assign households to the newest Elder/Deacon
Teams, we are also cross-checking our *Servant Keeper* data. Please email
the office with any address, or contact information, updates or edits you
might have. Feel free to email any photos of recent church activities.

September 11 marks the beginning of our educational season.
On that Sunday we will meet with our **Grow Groups** to **share a meal**
together and reflect on how God is working in our lives. Eight of these
Grow Group events will be interspersed throughout the year. We will
also offer four opportunities throughout the year to work on a variety
of OUT activities. However, **age-specific Sunday School** for children
(3-years-old through high school) beginning **September 18**, will be
our main focus for the educational year.

Wednesday Family Night meals and activities for 1st-8th Grade
begin September 7. New families and individuals, please be our guests for
the first meal! *We are excited about what this coming season has to offer and
how God will work in our lives. Pray with us that the abundant life of Jesus
will be nourished and evidenced in each of us!*

Classical Conversations home-schooling group will be combining with
Third Church, as well as meeting at Third, for the coming school year. We
wish all the families a blessed year, and enjoyed sharing space with CC
students and faculty. Well done Beth DeBoer, Stacia Vicars and their team!