

Church Calendar for week of: Sunday, December 10, 2017

Name Tag Sunday, December 10th ~ Advent II, Pastor Joel is preaching,

Offering: Project "I See You". Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Monday ~ December 11th - *Offices are closed*

9:15am - Prayer for Persecuted Believers in Rm. 12/13

4:30pm - Vermeer Party (private event)

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ December 12th

9:00am - Senior Moments Christmas Party

1-2pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

6:30pm - Deacons Meeting

Wednesday ~ December 13th

7:00am - Men's Huddle in Emerson

9:30am - Women's Morning Bible Study in Rm. 12/13

6:30pm - Coffee Break Bible Study

Thursday ~ December 14th

Friday ~ December 15th

Saturday ~ December 16th

8:30-9:30am - Dance practice

11:00am - Jean Natelborg Memorial Service and reception

10-11:30am - Wind Band Rehearsal

Sunday ~ December 17th - Advent III, offering for General Fund

Youth Group Christmas Party

Thank you to all serving This Sunday, December 10th:

CIW: *Jonah & The Big Fish Nancy Waanders*, Jessica Cleveland, Ari Waanders & Katherine Elgersma

Nursery: *Allie Christians*, Dan Addink, Logan Posthumus, James Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Van Heukelem

Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, December 17th:

CIW: *A Special Birthday, Briana Van Andel, Julie Lamsma, Isaac/Micah Den Braber*

Nursery: *Cheryl Schmitt*, Gabrielle Vance, Dave Cady, Bode Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cindy Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Newcombe

Warm Greetings to our visitors. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, Tea and fellowship are served in the foyer! We will celebrate the Lord's Supper TODAY, on December 10th. All baptized believer's who place their faith and hope in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate.

Worshiping Together

Advent and Christmas

- **December 10th** - Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday
- **December 12th** - 9:00am Senior Moment's Christmas Party
- **December 17th** - 5:00pm Christmas Party for Youth Group
- **December 20th** - 5:45pm Family Night: Gift bags for YFC kids
- **December 24th** - **Advent worship at 9:30am & 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service with Nursery**
- **December 25th** - Christmas Day- no service



Angels, hand-crafted by several of 55 women who attended the "not so Silent Night" Christmas event! Great thanks to Deb V. & Cathy Z.

Count Committee Report: 11/27 & Thanksgiving offering

General Fund: \$27,895.00

Benevolence: 913.00

Thanksgiving:

General Fund \$25,341.00

Benevolence 5,000.00

World Renew 120.00

VIA 575.00

Long Scraggy 5,720.00

Sun Valley 5,000.00

En-Gedi 50.00

Brother's Redevelopment 50.00

Jon Cady 100.00

Nicaragua Christian 159.00

Total collected all causes: \$42, 115

Thank you for furthering God's Kingdom efforts by offering your time, energy and financial support.

Next Family Night in December is on December 20th! A wonderful, home-cooked meal is served at 5:45pm. At 6:30pm an adult class, children's activities and nursery are provided, or join others to assemble gift bags for incarcerated Youth. YFC Chaplain, Claire Froehlich will deliver.

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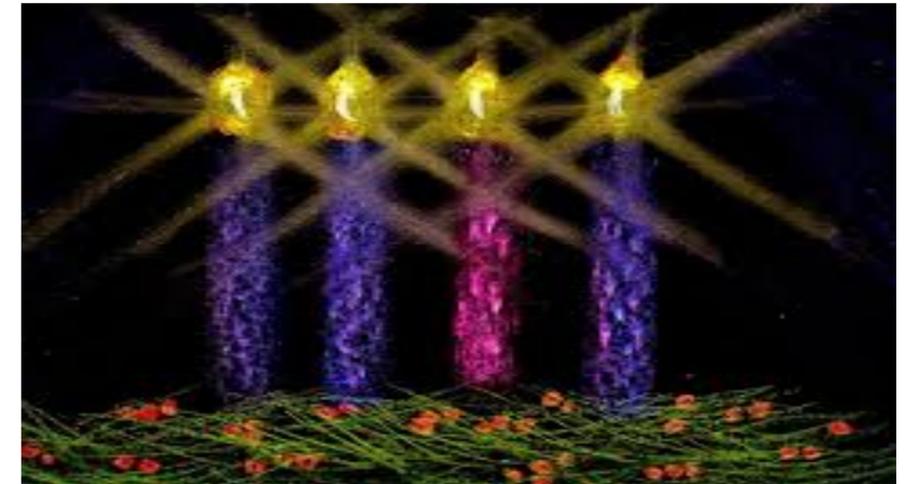
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**Order of Worship
Advent: Week 2 ~ December 10, 2017
Gathering**

Advent is a season of preparation. We will be continuing our journey through the prophet Micah with longing and anticipation of Christ's coming afresh into our world: illuminating our path, enlightening our minds and encouraging our hearts...

Prelude: Barb
Welcome and Announcements
Processional

Candle Lighting
Let us pray:
Faithful God,
You are at work to restore all of creation
in its intended harmony.
Give us Your shalom
that we may be reconciled to all enemies
in the peace that passes all understanding
through Christ Jesus our Lord.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

*Song: *Comfort Comfort Now My People* LUYH 59

*Song: *I Will Look Up*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal
Song of Renewal: *Salaam* LUYH 298 (band)
Offering and Offertory: *Project I See You*

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal
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: Micah 4:1-5, page 930
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon: *Remember When?* Pastor Joel Schreurs

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Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

With joy we praise You, gracious God,
for You have created heaven and earth,
made us in Your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.
We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming opened to us
the way of salvation and whose triumphant return we eagerly await.
Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to
proclaim the glory of Your name.

Acclamation of Praise

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You sent Him into this world
to satisfy the longings of Your people for a Savior,
to bring freedom to the captives of sin,
and to establish justice for the oppressed.
He came among us as one of us,
taking the lot of the poor,
sharing human suffering.
We rejoice that in His death and rising again,
You set before us the sure promise of new life,
the certain hope of a heavenly home
where we will sit at table with Christ, our Host.

Memorial Acclamation

**We proclaim that our Lord Jesus
was sent by the Father into the world,
that He took upon Himself our flesh and blood,
and bore the wrath of God against our sin.
We confess that He was condemned
to die that we might be pardoned,
and suffered death that we might live.
We proclaim that He is risen to make us right with God
and that He shall come again in the glory of His new creation.
This we do now and until He comes again.**

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Invitation

Distribution

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.
Thanks be to God.
The blood of Christ, shed for you
Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise and Prayer:

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of Your Spirit to bring good news to the
poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind
and claim Your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in Your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *O Come O Come Emmanuel* LUYH 61

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist: Barb Hogan with First CRC Band

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Our November/December Congregational Prayer Focus for

Persecuted Believers is on a country which has one of the fastest-growing
evangelical churches in the world: **IRAN**. Please see the silver connection
board in the foyer and the accompanying prayer sheets for how we can
praise God for His amazing work in Iran, and for our fellow believers there.

We pray comfort over the Alan **Natelborg family**, and his father Robert, as
they mourn the death of Jean Natelborg, following a recent hospitalization
at Swedish. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, December
16th at 11:00pm at First CRC.

May the **Lord bring healing** and pain management to those who are ill.

Thank you for all your expressions of support and kindness during this
time of saying goodbye to our father and grandfather, Roland Buteyn. He
was certainly a wonderful part of our family and he also was a special part
of our family here at First Church.

In Roland's recent words: "My greatest joy has been expressed by the
Apostle John, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in
the truth." These "children" are my physical family, but also those whose
lives have intersected mine throughout the years".

We will miss him even as we celebrate his life and his entrance into his
heavenly home. John, Anne, Maria, Eric, Renee and the rest of our family.

Barb Anema requests prayers that her medical team will be able to
determine the cause of her breathing issues.

Please pray for relief from pain and discomfort for **Marge Rozendaal**
following a facial surgery. Pray for Wayne as he cares for her.

Sew & Sews sewing circle will not meet on December 21st. They will meet
in the New Year on January 4th. Contact is Joey Vander Ark.

Current Events & Activities:

Sweet Advent Rewards

Advent activity papers and crayons for children 5-10 years of age are
available in the green baskets on the tables near the message boards in
back of church. Children may use these activities to connect with Advent
scripture readings. Keep papers and crayons in your church mailbox after
each service so they can be used each Sunday of Advent.

Senior Moments

Reminder, this **Tuesday, Dec. 12th is our annual Christmas Party**, held
in the Fellowship room with Fun, Food and Fellowship for you. Coffee
time 9:30 am. Gift exchange, games and sing along with Kyle. Remember
your wrapped gift and a treat for coffee time. Need to sign up by
this Sunday, December 10th for final count for our catered meal. Please see
our flyer for more details. Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

Club 68, our middle school youth group, will meet next Sunday,
December 17, from 3-5 for an afternoon of ice-skating. Please be to
church right at 3 so that we can get to the ice arena on time. Warm clothes,
gloves, and a hat are highly recommended. Talk to Pastor Bret for more
information.

Youth Group: December 17 - keep this date open for our youth group
Christmas party! We will meet at church from 5-7, bake some cookies, play
some games and play sardines with all the lights out! Hope to see you then!

Opportunities to Help and Serve:

Wind Band & String Ensemble' Rehearsal Saturday, December 16

On December 17th, the choir will be singing a piece with parts for winds and
strings. If you play a wind instrument (brass or woodwind) or string instrument
(violin, viola, cello, bass) and would like to participate, please
email kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org. We will rehearse Saturday, December 16th
and Kyle will confirm the time. We'd love to have you!" *Kyle Cooper*

Children's books are being collected for orphans in Nairobi, Kenya,
in connection with the MSW students at Union University in TN where Alyse Young
is attending. Please bring your new or gently used books to the collection box in
the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, Dec. 24. Thank you!

The offering today is for Project I See You. Ann Rajewski is
intimately involved in this ministry, both locally and in the Dominican
Republic. *Project I See You* exists to pour into the worth and value of
women. When you invest in a woman, whole communities change. Projects
include a women's empowerment center in La Canita, Dominican Republic
(Centro Te Veo) and a women's transitional home in Denver, in partnership
with Open Door Ministries, to open in early 2018 (Te Veo House). We also
take several Immersion Trips to the DR each year with 10 to 12
women. Each trip has a special emphasis: body image, craft skills, or
relationships, and focuses on reciprocity, emotional and spiritual
growth. Immersion Experiences in Denver through Te Veo House and in
partnership with local churches focus on learning about poverty and
privilege. There are also more and more regular events in Denver, like our
Women's Christmas Tea in partnership with Women's Homelessness
Initiative this weekend. We love new volunteers and partners. Join us!