

## Church Calendar for February 28, 2016

**Sunday, February 28~** Welcome Jonathan and Marian Cady  
Pastor Joel will be preaching. Offering is for Christian Living Centers  
**5:00pm** Youth Group **5:30pm** Supper Club at Schreurs' home

### Monday, February 29~

**6:30pm** – Count Committee

### Tuesday, March 1~ Classis at Apex Church in Littleton

**1:30pm** – Staff Meeting in Room 21

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

### Wednesday, March 2~ Classis

**9:00am** – Ladies Morning Bible Study

**5:45pm** – Family Night Meal served

**6:30pm** – GEMS, Cadets – Pit Stop, Coffee Break in Emerson House

### Thursday, March 3~

**9:00am** Sew & Sews

### Friday, March 4~

**9:00am** Library Ladies

### Saturday, March 5~

**7:00am** Men's Bible Study

**10:00am** Dance Practice

### Sunday, March 6~ Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday

Pastor Joel will be preaching. Reminder: Donuts for \$1 for Aggie's Children's Home

### New to First Church?– Beginning March 13 from 11:00am – 12:00noon,

we'll host a monthly *Newcomer Welcome* lunch in the Emerson House.

These lunches will be hosted by First CRC members. Staff members will be in attendance to answer questions and learn more about you. Except on holiday weekends, we'll look forward to a rhythm of newcomer lunches every second Sunday (also Communion Sundays and Name Tag days).

**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 can be found near the doors.** Elders up front will pray and answer questions about sacraments, worship or whatever is on your heart.

### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, February 28th:

**Nursery:** Beth DeBoer, Jeremy Waanders, Christine Nibbelink, Lana Oosterhouse, Isaac DenBraber

**Children in Worship:** *Daniel in the Lion's Den* Briana Van Anandel, Gracie Hansum, Gabriel Vance

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Donn Hansum & Eric DenBraber

**PPT Preparation:** Jill Schreurs

**Sound:** Cory Vermeer **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer **PPT:** Lilli Vermeer

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #1

**Coffee:** Van Heukelem

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 6th:

**Nursery:** Gina Van Byssum, Kyle Van Anandel, Luke Monroe, Ashleigh Bol, Erin Youngsma

**Children in Worship:** *Ruth & Naomi*, Briana Van Anandel, Gracie Hansum, Davis Addink

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Joel Jonker

**PPT Preparation:** James Timmer

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

**DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #2

**Coffee:** Buteyn

## Grow Groups IN learning together this week

Meet in your Grow Groups for a brief time (20 minutes) together to debrief today's sermon. GG Leaders will dismiss everyone to Stations.

Grow Group #1 Berghuis/Bol in Pit Stop Garage

Grow Group #2 Jonker/Lighthiser in Rooms 12/13 **downstairs**

Grow Group #3 DenBraber/Buteyn in Emerson House

Grow Group #4 Schmitt/Youngsma in Library

Grow Group #5 Hansum/Van Anandel in Room 31 **upstairs**

Grow Group #6 Schans/Waanders in Fellowship Hall

### Choose a Station to participate in~Everyone welcome:

China Mission Station #1: Time with Jonathan & Marion Cady/Sanctuary

Kenya Mission Station#2: Create encouragement cards to En-Gedi students & their Care Givers in Rooms 12/13

Meditation Room #3: Spend time alone reflecting on what it means to *Receive the Kingdom of God like a little child.* Rooms 34 & 35

Arms and Hands that Bless *craft/Activity #4* – Fellowship Hall

### CEP (Christian Education Program) Informational Meetings ~

Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at one of these meetings is required to participate in academic year 2016-2017. Meetings will be held in the Pit Stop. **Sunday: March 20 or April 3** from 11-12 noon, **OR Wednesday, April 6** from 6:30-7:30 in the Green Room. Questions welcome at [cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org)

### Host Homes Needed for Dorcht Concert Choir Students

Host homes are needed for the nights of **Saturday March 12 and Sunday March 13**. Students will need to be picked-up on Saturday evening March 12, returned to Third CRC on Sunday morning March 13 at 8:30 AM for their participation in morning worship; lunch will need to be provided; then returned again to Third at 4:00 PM for set-up and rehearsal for their 6:00 PM Concert at Third CRC (supper will be provided at Third for that evening meal); then back to Third on Monday morning March 14 at 8:00 AM. Contact Gladys DeRidder #720.331.5890 [gderidder@clcmail.org](mailto:gderidder@clcmail.org).

**Pinewood Derby Race at Family Night:** Cadets are planning to do PWD race in the sanctuary on March 16. *Save The Date!*



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Pastor Joel Schreurs, ext. 101, Minister of The Word

Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

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Order of Worship~ February 28th, 2016

## Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Song: *Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* LUYH 796

\* Reading:

Lord God,

We gather in this place not because we are deserving of Your love, and not because we have lived faithfully before Your face.

**We gather here because You have called us.**

**You loved us before we could love You.**

You have given Your Son for our salvation.

**For this we join all creation in blessing You, praising You, thanking You.**

You are great, and greatly to be praised.

**As we offer our praises, we long for You to mold us in the image of Your Son,**

**whose death and resurrection give us hope.**

**Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Song: *Jesus Messiah* Tomlin

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Call to Confession:

*Come You Sinners*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**He will not always accuse,**

**nor will He harbor His anger forever;**

**He does not treat us as our sins deserve**

**or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**so great is His love for those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

**so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on His children,

**so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him;**

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *Jesus Paid it All/Oh Praise the One*

\*Asterisk indicates when we stand; **Bold print** shows where congregation speaks.

## Word

Children in Worship Sending

*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.**

Prayer of Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16 pg.1013

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *No Grown-Ups Allowed* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Not What My Hands Have Done* LUYH 624

## Sending

Offering: Christian Living Communities

Offertory: Jonathan Cady Presenting

Offertory Prayer

Sending Words

\*Sending Song: *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone* LUYH 693

Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Musicians: First CRC Band: Matt Ruter, Larry Young, Beth George

Accompanist: Barb Hogan

### Prayers For God's People

Please pray swift and sure recovery for Kathy Bol, after hip replacement surgery last Thursday. We also pray for sustaining grace for Louise Lont, Kathy's mother, as she continues to navigate vision and health issues.

Update from Peter and Chrissy Tell, *"Family and baby are good. We're living in a fog of no sleep and diapers, but otherwise everyone is growing strong and getting healthy.*

### First Church Upcoming Activities

**Supper Club:** Come to eat & get to know others at Supper Club. It's an informal get-together that happens each month and all are welcome to come. It will be held tonight, **February 28th at 5:30 pm, at the home of Joel & Jill Schreurs' (3168 S. Akron Court).** The theme will be *foods that you love* - so bring a dish or drink that you love to make/eat to share!

**A Newcomer welcome lunch** will be held on **March 13** from 11:00am-12noon, in the Emerson House (next to the church – South side). Lunch is provided by the hosts and staff. If you are “newish”, visiting, or still becoming acquainted with First Church, come on over and let's get to know each other even better! No reservations necessary.

**Senior Moments: Tuesday, March 15th** event will be held in the Church Fellowship room. Coffee time starts at 9:30, bring a treat. Presentation on Lesotho, Africa by the Jonker family, starting at 9:45. At 11:00 we plan to have a hymnal sing along with Barb Hogan. 12:00 Lunch at Duffy's Cafe. Family and friends are invited to join us for a fun time of fellowship. Please remember to log in on the sign up sheet on the south side silver door, for the event, and if you plan to join us for lunch. See details in the flyer. Call: Beth [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085) or Betty [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251).

**Youth Group** - We have rented a cabin near Fairplay, CO for the weekend of **June 23-26**. We plan on having a retreat and a time of spiritual growth where we focus on our relationship UP with God and IN with ourselves. If you are interested in getting more details or signing up, please contact Eileen Ruter. (We may open this up to incoming freshman, but that will be determined by the number of current youth group students we have signed up by April 15 as space may be limited.)

Council News Items from February 16th meeting:

1. Classis Rocky Mountain: March 1-2, Apex Church in Littleton. Delegates will be Pastor Joel, Elder Cyndi Berghuis, and Deacon David Youngsma.
2. Jonathan Cady provided an update to Council about his new position with Christian Reformed World Missions as a missionary to China. He will be teaching theology and leadership skills in China churches. Jonathan will join us today to offer information on how we can support this ministry.
3. A proposal to repair the flat (leaking) portions of the church roof was approved. Insurance fully paid for the peaked portions of all church buildings, but does not cover the flat roof. As this expense will exceed the annual appropriation for Building and Grounds maintenance, a special fund raising effort will be pursued. More information will be provided when firm costs are negotiated.
4. A provision was added to the Christian Education Program (CEP) directing that Council shall review the financial position of First CRC at the close of each fiscal year in August. In the event that expenses have not been met, the Council may decide to reduce CEP funding, and any change adopted by Council would take effect immediately.

### Count Committee Report: 2/7/ & 2/14

Council thanks you for each and every contribution.

General Fund: \$2,2481.05

Joshua Station: \$254.26

En-Gedi: \$170.00

Next Count Committee meeting is Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Missions Update

**En-Gedi Children's home** is awaiting Government approval for ground-breaking. Student Godfrey has been re-united with his family, and two new students, Angel and Sondo, are being enfolded into the school. See more updates in Margaret's letter at the Missions Table. Create a card for the students and care givers today in Room 12/13.

### **Jonathan and Marian Cady:**

Jonathan and Marian Cady will be worshiping with us today. During the worship service Jonathan will give us a brief update on his education at Calvin Theological Seminary and his partnership with CRWM There will be an opportunity after the service, during Grow Groups, to learn more about his present work and his future plans in China.

### Requested Announcements

**Canto Deo's Lenten Service of Motets and Meditations** will feature Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude*. Two performances are upcoming in Denver on **Friday, March 4, at 7:30 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church**, 1600 Grant Street, and **Sunday, March 6, at 4:00 PM at Montview Presbyterian Church**, 1980 Dahlia Street. The services will be presented with **no admission** charge, and led by Associate Conductor Dr. Michael Pohlenz and Diane Gallagher, Organist.

### **Sunday, March 6, 6:30 pm at Colorado Christian University**

The YFC Comedy Café is an annual fundraiser to support the on-going ministry of Youth For Christ Denver. This unique event combines coffee and delicious desserts, with hilarious, clean comedy and a creative program that highlights young people and tells the YFC story. Please join us for an evening of laughter and inspiration benefiting the ministry of Youth For Christ in Denver. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Tickets are \$20 General Admission and \$25 Gold Seating (closest to the stage). Please visit [www.yfcdenver.org/comedy](http://www.yfcdenver.org/comedy) for ticket prices and availability. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**Jim Prichard** will be meeting with Christian families in our area from **March 15-March 16, 2016**. Just call **Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to schedule a conversation with Jim**. To help you get started, you may also request a free special report titled "Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes or Misconceptions" by simply sending an e-mail request with "Top 10" in the subject line to [info@barnabasfoundation.com](mailto:info@barnabasfoundation.com).

**Save the Date:** Volunteers in Action will hold its spring fundraising **"Servants Dinner" on Sat. evening, March 19** at the Arrowhead Golf Course event room. Mark your calendar. Everyone is invited!

**Spring Theater Event** for Joshua Station. Save the date for our **Spring Theater Event, March 31, 2016 featuring the Musical Ragtime!** For more details: [milehighmin.org/springtheaterevent](http://milehighmin.org/springtheaterevent).

**Bethany Christian Services of Colorado presents "Smokey Joe's Café"** on **April 5, 6 p.m., at the Town Hall Arts Center**, 2450 W. Main St., Littleton. More details to come. Sponsorships are available and welcome – contact Carol Willis at (303) 241-8651 or [cwillis@bethany.org](mailto:cwillis@bethany.org).

**First Church men are invited** to join the men of Immanuel CRC, Fort Collins, for the annual **Men's Retreat in Moab, Utah**. The dates this year are **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 registrations.