

## Church Calendar for week of: January 14-21

### Lord's Supper & Name Tag Sunday ~ January 14

Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for the General Fund.

Sunday School resumes.

5-7pm – Youth Group

### Monday ~ January 15: Office is Closed

### Tuesday ~ January 16

11:00-1:00pm – Staff lunch Meeting off-site

### Wednesday ~ January 17: Family Night

5:45pm – Family Night Meal

6:30pm – Council in Rm 24; Coffee Break in Emerson/GEMS/Cadets

### Thursday ~ January 18:

9-11am - Sew & Sews sewing fellowship

### Friday ~ January 19:

9-11pm - Library ladies

### Saturday ~ January 20:

7:00am – Men's Bible Study in Room 21

### Sunday ~ January 21: Guest Speaker Karen Wilk; offering is for JAMLAC

5-7pm – Club 68

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### Thank you to all serving this **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am**

**Children in Worship:** Kelsie Ruter, Davis Addink & Hayden Posthumus

**Nursery:** Jessica Benson, Sam Lamsma, Katherine Elgersma

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

**Coffee:** Deboer/Kats

### Thank you to all serving next **Sunday, January 21st 9:30am**

**Children in Worship:** Davinia Lyons, Ashleigh Bol, Sam Waanders,

Erin Youngsma

**Nursery:** Jen Van Otterloo, Carter Sanderson, Matthew Jonker, Sheri DeHaan

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Ed Schans and Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Young/Schuttinga

**Welcome guests and 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!

Today, we celebrate communion Sunday, and all baptized believers who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive this Sacrament.

If you are interested in learning more about membership, or the Christian Reformed Church, please contact [Bret@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:Bret@firstcrdenver.org).

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**Missionary Birthdays:** Birthday cards are available in the foyer on the tables next to the silver message boards, compliments of the Stamp Class.

### For January

Belen Starkenburg - January 20th

Erick Perez - January 27th

### For February

Claire Froehlich - February 4<sup>th</sup>

### Other Opportunities:

**Follow in the footsteps of Jesus!** - Visit New Testament sites not only in Israel (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, and Jerusalem) but also in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact host Jeff Weima, professor of NT at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**Short-term Volunteers:** - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? *World Renew's Global Volunteer Program* provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).

### Sermon Notes:

**First Christian Reformed Church:** 1814 South Emerson Street

**Email:** [connections@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrdenver.org) #303.733.4936

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

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

## Order of Worship

January 14, 2018

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
**and I will give you rest.**

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,  
**for I am gentle and humble in heart,**  
and you will find rest for your souls.

**For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**

Processional

\*Song: *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* LUYH 527

\*Song: *Nearer, Still Nearer* LUYH 659

\*God's Greeting

People of God, from where does your help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance: from Psalm 105

Song of Confession: *Over & Over Again*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory "Live Justly" video

### 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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

Sermon: *Planting Seeds, Pulling Weeds*

Prayer For Application

## Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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...**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation

to proclaim the glory of Your name:

*(Sing)* **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, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to God the Father

that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered,

gave us this memorial of His sacrifice,

until He comes again...

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

*(Sing)* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray in the name of Jesus,

who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be Your name,**

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the Kingdom, And the power,**

**And the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

*(sing)*

**All glory, power, and praise are yours.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Come, then, for all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you

and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution Songs:

*There Is A Redeemer* LUYH 833

*The Wonderful Cross* LUYH 175-176

Communion

Prayer

\*Sending Song: *Take My Life*

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper; First CRC Band

Accompanists: Christy Bol

## Prayer and Care for God's People:

Our First CRC Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers

during **January and February** is on **Somalia**, ranked #2 on the *World*

*Watch List* because anyone known or suspected of being a Christian there

faces execution. Please join in praying for this lost country. *See the display*

*on the sliver connection board and the accompanying pink prayer sheets*

*with specific requests on the adjoining table.*

**Miriam Zoetewey** is recovering following surgery on both knees January

8<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for good healing and restored mobility. We pray for Henry

as he cares for Miriam at home.

We continue prayer for restored health for **Joy and Ina Smit**, asking the

Lord for abundant health, and sustaining grace, for these sisters.

We pray for **Derek Veldkamp**, as he and his friends grieve the loss of

Peter. We pray also for the tender touch of comfort for Peter's family.

*First CRC has a group of women that faithfully and confidentially pray for your*

*requests. If you are in need of prayer support, email Cyndi Berghuis at*

*Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or Marj at mddeboer@juno.com.*

Stephen Ministers are also available for distinctively, confidential Christian care.

Contact Beth P. #303.947.1085 for more information.

## Current Events, Updates & Activities

**Our new Adult Faith Formation Class begins today, January 14.**

The class is entitled "Live Justly" and focuses on issues surrounding social

justice in our world. The curriculum was jointly put together by World

Renew and Micah Challenge, and involves video and discussion books. We

will gather downstairs in Fellowship Hall near the piano at **11:00am**. It is

not too late to participate in this class!

**Youth Group** - We will meet on Sunday, **January 14, from 5 - 7 pm** for a

meal and a meeting. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship and get the

inside scoop about the summer mission trip! See you then!

**Family Night this Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm**

Our next Family Night meal will be served from 5:45pm to 6:30pm in

Fellowship Hall. At 6:30pm, children will go to Nursery, GEMS girl's club,

or Cadets in the Pit Stop garage (for young men in first to 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Our

Council will meet in Room 24, and Coffee Break Women's Bible study will

resume in the Emerson House next door.

**Club 68** will be meeting next Sunday, **January 21, from 5-7** in the

basement fellowship hall for a meal, a lesson and games. All middle school

students are invited to join us for this fun evening. Email Pastor Bret with

any questions, along with your contact info: [bret@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:bret@firstcrcdenver.org)

**Next Sunday, January 21, Karen Wilk** will be joining us to preach and

lead a discussion time in the Sanctuary after the morning service, during

our Sunday School hour. Karen is a "Go Local" Catalyzer with the Christian

Reformed Church, a speaker and the author of the study "Don't Invite

Them to Church" which a group from First CRC studied during Family

Night this fall. We look forward to engaging with Karen as we continue to

ask God how He would use us in our networks and neighborhoods.

## **Christian Education Program (CEP) participants:**

Emails have been sent by the CEP committee regarding your participation

in the CEP program for the upcoming 18/19 school year. Please read and

fill out the application form included in the email. If you have not received

the email or request additional information please contact a committee

member: Karen Waanders, Nolan Vander Ark, Melanie Jonker, Keith Bol or

Sandie Posthumus.

**Prayer Group for Persecuted Believers** will continue to meet this

year on the **2nd Monday of each month at 9:15am** in room 12/13.

During January and February, pray in agreement for believers in Somalia,

as anyone known or suspected of being a Christian faces execution.

## **Scheduling of Events:**

The office is getting some requests for use of our building. In order to

better assess each request, we would really like to get your church

activities booked into the 2018 Calendar first. Please send your 2018

ministry, meeting and activity schedules to:

[connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) as soon as possible. *Thank you!*

## Help and Serve:

**Coffee Serving Team:** The new **2018 coffee serving** schedule was

distributed. *We invite you to serve coffee with* in 2018 to see if they might

like to join the Hospitality team. This is a wonderful, simple way to serve,

welcome a stranger and support our staff. Call #303-733-4936, 9-3pm,

Tuesday -Friday.

**Magnify invites you to partner with us** to provide needed resources

for 3rd trimester expectant mothers and newborn babies who are patients

at Inner City Health Center ([innercityhealth.org](http://innercityhealth.org)). We will be packaging the

bags on **February 4** and will deliver as many care package or 'Blessing

Bags' as we can in time for Valentine's Day from our church. Please see the

flyer in your mailbox for more information and a list of needed items. Bins

will be in the back of church. Thank you for your support!

**Cascade of Hope** Community Resource Center invites you to help teach

ESL, Citizenship or computer literacy Wednesday or Thursday evenings

**January 17-March 22**. See the flyer on the mission information table

behind the sound booth. No experience necessary; training is provided.

**The position of bookkeeper** here at First CRC has opened up. If you

are interested in applying for this position, please submit your inquiry

to [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org).