

## Church Calendar for week of: January 21-28

**Sunday ~ January 21:** Guest Speaker Dr. Karen Wilk; offering is for *JAMLAC Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Clinic, which is part of Mile High Ministries, and works to provide holistic support and legal representation to impoverished people within the metro Denver community.*

5-7pm - Club 68

**Monday ~ January 22: Office is closed.**

**Tuesday ~ January 23:**

1:00pm - Staff meeting in room 21.

**Wednesday ~ January 24:**

6:30pm - Coffee Break women's Bible study in Emerson House.

**Thursday ~ January 25:**

6-8pm - Holy Yoga

**Friday ~ January 26:**

9-11pm - Library ladies

**Saturday ~ January 27:**

9:00am-12noon: Pinewood Derby preparations in the Pit Stop garage.

1:00pm - 3:00pm: Stamp Class in rooms 12 & 13.

**Sunday ~ January 28:** Pastor Joel Preaching, offering is for Benevolence.

5:00pm - Youth Group dinner meeting in Fellowship Hall.

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### Thank you to all serving this 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

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, January 28th 9:30am

**Children in Worship:** Jill Schreurs, Karen Waanders, Erica Bol, Owen Vermeer

**Nursery:** Cristin Buys, Darin Gunnnett, Isaac Jonker, Madisyn Hunt

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

**Coffee:** Schaefer

**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!

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 4th

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**Trained Stephen Ministers** are available for distinctively, confidential Christian care and prayer support for you. Contact Beth P. #303.947.1085 for more information.

## Sermon Notes:

### 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.

**Help Students in Lithuania Reach their Language Goals** - This July (July 1-29) you have the opportunity to travel to Lithuania and teach English, lead games, and/or provide spiritual support to students from up to ten different countries. Visit [Resonateglobalmission.org/Go](http://Resonateglobalmission.org/Go) to learn more about these opportunities and many more!

**Writers: freelance opportunity, apply now.** - Hey, have you seen the new *Banner*? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church? We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about joining our correspondent team at [news@thebanner.org](mailto:news@thebanner.org) and our news editor will get back to you.

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

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

## Order of Worship

January 21, 2018

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

\*Sung Call to Worship:

*All Creatures of Our God and King* LUYH 551 verses 1,5,6  
*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

\*Song: *Across the Lands* LUYH 775

\*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:

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,  
**yet too often we practice pride.**

You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,  
**yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless  
about our cities.**

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,  
**yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or  
popular.**

You freely forgave and healed,  
**yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**

You lived a perfectly holy life,  
**yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**

You prayed that we who believe in You should be united with each  
other and You,

**yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from  
other believers.**

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,  
**yet too often we deny You.**

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,  
**yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.**

**Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with Your glory.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.  
For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.  
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's  
children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His  
commandments.

\*Song of Assurance: *Over & Over Again*  
Offering: JAMLAC ~ Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic  
Offertory

### 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: Jeremiah 29:1-7 pg. 785  
The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *Sent to Remain* Dr. Karen Wilk

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *Lift High the Cross* LUYH 264 (verses 1,3,5,6)

### Sending

\*Sending: 2 Corinthians 4:6 and Matthew 5:14-16  
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in  
our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in  
the face of Jesus Christ.  
**As the light of Christ has shone on us, let us reflect His light to  
the world.**  
People of God, You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill  
cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a  
bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone  
in the house.  
**In the same way, let our light shine before others, that they  
may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.**

\*Sending Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs  
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma  
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, with First CRC Band  
Accompanist: Barb Hogan

### 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.*

We pray for complete healing for all who have been ill with the many forms  
of flu this season, especially the very young and our senior citizens.

Please pray for family and friends grieving the loss of a man who was killed  
in a recent accident.

We pray for wisdom, pace and attentiveness for adult learners responding  
to God's call to be sent as workers into the harvest. "*Then He said to His  
disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the  
harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."* Matthew 9:37-38

Dear First Church Family,  
Words cannot express how thankful I am for your generosity and prayer  
support for my recent trip to Kenya! Due to the orphanage's policies I was  
unable to take photos of the children receiving the books but their joyful  
faces will forever be etched on my heart! I look forward to sharing more  
with you in the future.  
In Christ ~ *Alyse Young*

*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.*

### Current Events, Updates & Activities

**Dr. Karen Wilk** will lead a discussion time in the Sanctuary after the  
morning service. 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 ask God how  
He would use us in our networks and neighborhoods.

**Our new adult education class, entitled "Live Justly"** focuses on  
issues surrounding social justice in our world. The curriculum involves  
video and discussion. It is not too late to participate in this class, just  
contact Pastor Bret for a book as soon as possible. "Live Justly" class will  
join Karen Wilk today for her discussion group in the Sanctuary.

**Club 68** will be meeting tonight 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)

### **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 need additional information, please contact: Karen Waanders,  
Nolan Vander Ark, Melanie Jonker, Keith Bol or Sandie Posthumus.

**Veritas et Caritas Institute (VCI) presents Becoming Like Christ:**  
*Ancient Practices, Modern Community, and Eternal Story. Friday, January  
26, 6:30 pm* at Front Range Christian School Performing Arts Center:  
6637 W. Ottawa Ave, Littleton, CO 80128. Join us for a free seminar as we  
explore the key elements of Christian spiritual formation, narrative,  
community and practices. Register at [frcs.org/likeChrist](http://frcs.org/likeChrist).

### Help and Serve:

**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 4th** 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. Gray  
collection bins are located in the back of church.  
Thank you for your support!

**On February 11, the Youth Group will be making care packages** for  
the **college students** of First CRC and we need your help! If you have  
anything that would help put a smile on someone's face who is far from  
home and pouring over textbooks, we'd love to have it to send. Things like  
candy, individually packaged crackers or other salty snacks, small knick  
knacks, gum, etc. would be perfect. Please drop your items off in Pastor  
Bret's office by February 11. Please send *any address updates* for your  
students as well, and if you have any questions feel free to email Ryleigh at  
[ryleigh.newcombe@gmail.com](mailto:ryleigh.newcombe@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

**Volunteers In Action** gives God thanks for 33 current long term  
relationships with people in need. Presently, we have a woman who lives  
near downtown Englewood, who is isolated and has health issues, desiring  
a companion to exercise, take walks & be a friend. Please consider calling  
Donn or Kelli at: [303-713-9144](tel:303-713-9144) for more information on this great  
opportunity to serve someone in your community in Christ's name.

### Council Report:

In an effort to be more interactive and intentional, the Council has adopted  
a new method to replace retiring elders and deacons. In order to ensure  
continuity of relationship, we are striving to replace elders and deacons  
from within their respective Grow Groups.

The Council has spent time discussing what the current needs of the  
Council are and the gifts that are required to meet these needs. Grow  
Groups that have retiring elders and deacons have had conversations with  
their Grow Groups about this new process, and have been given the  
opportunity to offer nominations from within their groups.

Conversations with potential candidates for elder and deacon will take  
place over the next several months. Please pray for this new process and  
that these conversations are Spirit-filled and fruitful. Pray that God will  
raise up leaders with the gifts necessary to fill these roles and to lead His  
church. If you have questions about this process, feel free to contact your  
elder or deacon.