

Church Calendar

Welcome guests and visitors! Elders will be up front with prayer nametags after the service, to answer any questions and pray with you. Please fill out a Connect Card (found in the pew Bibles). Return Connect Cards to the Elder up front.

Sunday ~ January 26th:

11:00am - Pastor Joel is Preaching; offering is for our General Operating fund. Age-specific Sunday School; "Growing With" Adult Ed class in Fellowship Hall Caleb Keyes Baptism; Keyes family joining First CRC. **5pm** Youth Group tonight!

Monday ~ January 27th

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ January 28th

Wednesday ~ January 29th *Worship Symposium through Feb. 1*

6:30pm - Coffee Break in Emerson

6:45pm - Beloved of God Yoga downstairs

Thursday ~ January 30th

Friday ~ January 31st

9:30am-11:30am Library

Saturday ~ February 1st

7:00am - Men's morning Bible Study ~ rm. 21

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ February 2nd

11:00am - Pastor Joel is Preaching; offering is for Joshua Station Age-specific Sunday School; "Growing With" Adult Ed class in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 26

CIW: Brianna Van Andel, Jon Dyhr, Erin Youngsma, Sam Waanders

Nursery Leader: Kelsie Ruter, Emma Schwager, Paul DeBoer, Madisyn Hunt

Camera: Ian Reynolds Lyrics: Gabe Zoetewey Sound: Bob Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Schans/Schaefer

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 2

CIW: Lea Gunnnett, Deb Van Eps, Andrew Van den Boogaard, Annika DeBoer

Nursery Leader: Cristin Buys, Randy Schwager, Lilli Vermeer, Natalie Roberts

Camera: Matthew Jonker Lyrics: Micah DeHaan Sound: Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Jim DeHaan

Coffee: Cadys

Lord's Supper: Northeast Group

Missions Update:

January 2020 Birthdays:

Belen Starckenburg - 20th

Erick Perez - 27th

February 2020 Birthdays:

Claire Froehlich 4th

Calvin Cady - 13th

Bulletin Art: *Stream* by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

The baptismal symbol of water represents the new identity, the spiritual birth, found in Christ. In our baptism we are cleansed and given the sign of love and hope found in the covenantal relationship of God, graciously shared with us through Christ, and reflected and nurtured in the Christian community of which we become a part.

Our next Family Promise Host Week is February 9-16! Please click on the Sign-up genius link below to find various ways you can support the families God brings to First CRC. Contact bret@firstcrcdenver.org with your questions.

Family Promise Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AAFA923A0F94-family2>

Save the Date: February 26th: Ash Wednesday evening service at Hope.

Hope Fellowship has invited First CRC to join them for an Ash Wednesday service. Time and details to follow.

Avalanche Fans: Looking for a fun family or Grow Group outing?

First CRC is considering a second annual *Faith & Family Night: Colorado Avalanche vs. Vancouver Canucks on March 13 at 7pm* at the Pepsi Center. Tickets start at \$35 (no extra fees or taxes) Price includes a post-game concert. A deposit is required to save seats, so we would like to see how many of you are interested! Contact connections@firstcrcdenver.org by January 31st.

Please note the correct Grow Group list and designated areas as follows. If you have any questions regarding Grow groups, please contact Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org. Save the Date for our next Grow Group Meals: **February 9th**.

1	North	Cal Van Heukelem	Suzanne Natelborg
2	Northeast	Anne Buteyn	Donn Hansum
3	Southeast	Dave Cady	Craig Lohmann
4	South	Cathy VanDonselaar	James Timmer
5	Southwest	Jim DeHaan	Beth Posthumus
6	Northwest	Fred Ritsema	Aaron Buys

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Want to help with the census, while serving our community? 2020 Census jobs are flexible, well-paying temporary jobs (Census takers in Denver and Jefferson Counties will be paid \$20.50/hour + mileage). The application can be completed online: www.2020Census.gov/jobs. If you have any questions, please call (303) 256-0900 and ask to speak with someone in the Recruiting department.

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

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
Shirley Van Heukelem:	Programs & Office Admin.	ext. 104
Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
Larry Young:	Custodial & facilities	#303-582-4039
Rebecca J. Schaefer	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102



First Christian Reformed Church ~ January 26, 2020

A Family of God Living Our Faith and Growing by...

*Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives
and Humbly embracing the Hurting.*

Gathering

Prelude: *To the One*

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship:

God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some from a sense of obligation or habit.

God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with distraction or exhaustion.

God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, and we come,
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope.

*Song: *Come All You People/Uyai Mose* LUYH 496

*Prayer based on Ephesians 1

*Song: *Sons and Daughters*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Celebration of Baptism: *Caleb William Keyes*

Covenant Promises: *Jeff and Karen Keyes*

*Communal Profession of Faith: *Apostles' Creed*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism & Blessing

*Congregational Welcome and Promises:

Brothers and sisters,

We now receive Caleb into Christ's church.

I charge you to nurture and love him

and to assist him, to be Christ's faithful disciple.

With joy and thanksgiving,

we now welcome you into Christ's church;

for we are all one in Christ.

We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

*Prayer

Presentation Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *The Church's One Foundation*

Instrumental

Word

Children In Worship Sending

Delval, Marie-Hélène, and Arno. Psalms for Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2008. Print.

Leader: When I listen to You, God,

I am like a tree planted by a river, a tree full of fruit
with leaves that are always green.

Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 pg. 1142

Sermon: *All In The Family*

*Song of Response: *Christian Hearts in Love United* LUYH 727

Sending

*Sending: Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Just as a body, though one, has many parts,

but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body.

We were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Therefore, live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.

Congregation:

North: There is one body

Center: and one Spirit,

South: just as we were called to one hope.

North: One Lord,

Center: one faith,

South: one baptism;

All: One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

*Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

In January/February we will pray as a church for persecuted believers in Eritrea, #6 on the new 2020 World Watch List. Government security forces have continued to conduct numerous raids on Christians and house churches, arresting hundreds of Christians being held by the government in miserable conditions. Christians are being forced to join the armed forces. Protestants, in particular, face serious problems with accessing community resources, especially state social services.

We thank God for provision for homes for those seeking a new living space.

We thank God for faithful provision for Christian Education at all levels.

Please pray for peace, provision and strengthened faith for those facing surgeries.

We thank God for providing courage and comfort to those in recovery.

We pray for swift and complete healing for all facing flu and virus symptoms.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Women's AM Bible Study meets every other Wednesday. The next meetings are **February 5 & 19** at **9:30am** in rm. 12/13, to study "*Cultures in Conflict*" by Ray Vander Laan. Facilitated by Walt Ackerman.

Coffee Break ~ Women's Evening fellowship, prayer and Bible Study meets every Wednesday at **6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. Everyone is welcome! Contact Beth Posthumus or Betty Eyser.

Beloved of God Yoga will meet Wednesday, **January 29th** downstairs at 1st CRC, **6:45 pm**. Our focus is strengthening and renewing bodies and minds through Christ-centered prayer and movement to restore us to do God's work in the world. Contact Pamela Hansum.

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study in Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at **7:30am** each Wednesday; Study begins at 8:00am. Led by Cal Van Heukelem.

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, every other Saturday at **7am**, next month's meetings: **February 1, 15 & 29**. Led by Rod Oosterhouse.

Sew & Sews: *Sew & Sews* next meeting is **February 20th** (no meeting February 6th) **from 9-12n**, in room 12/13. Led by Joey Vander Ark.

Senior Moments 2020:

Save these dates, and keep an eye out for more information, for interesting, fun outings for our 55 + fellowship: 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/17 or 19 *depending on event* 6/16 and July is an off month. *See our website, firstcrcdenver.org, for photos from past outings.* Contact Sharon Engel, or call the church office.

Card Stampers: Card Stamping Group is meeting **February 22nd, from 1-3pm** in rooms 12/13. Led by Carol Kats and Marj DeBoer. We have lovely cards, suitable for all occasions, on the tables in the foyer for your use.

Our high school youth group is meeting tonight (1/26) to put care packages together for our out of town college students. If anyone would like to donate something for these packages, please talk to Pastor Bret today.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus ~

Short-Term Mission, Close to Home - Are you looking for a robust volunteer experience but don't want to be away from home for months? Consider volunteering up to three weeks by yourself, or with a friend or spouse, to repair homes for disaster survivors still waiting for help. Make new friends from across the country and make a real difference. Contact Diana Marquez at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 800-848-5818 to find your fit.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Circle of Hope confidential encouragement and prayer group, for those with loved ones navigating mental health issues, meets the second Saturday of the month: **February 8th**, from 10:00am-12:00pm in room 21.

Council Update:

January Council News:

Council approved a plan for a sabbatical for Pastor Joel from June 15 through August 31, 2020 using both vacation and sabbatical time off. The Executive Committee will begin working with Pastor Joel on a plan for coverage during his absence. Pastor Joel gratefully accepts the ongoing generosity of First CRC and looks forward to this sabbatical time to connect deeply with God and his family, to listen attentively to what God might be saying about the ministry and future of First CRC and to "fill his tank" by reading widely. Additionally, Pastor Joel will be attending an intensive course in California for his DMin work. We look forward to hearing more from Pastor Joel as he dreams and plans this sabbatical time.

Council received notice that Cascade Of Hope with Victor Perez will be discontinuing their ministry as Victor has accepted a position as a full time chaplain at Children's Hospital. Consequently, this will end the partnership with First CRC and Cascade of Hope. We congratulate Victor and are thankful for the ministry work he has done over the years in the Denver area. Please pray for Victor's orientation on February 10th.

Council approved the position description and posting for the Programs and Office Administrator. Council is grateful to Eileen Ruter and the HR Committee for their work on this posting and to Shirley VanHeukelem who has worked at First CRC in this position for many years and is soon retiring.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the Programs and Office Administrator job opening, please visit www.firstcrcdenver.org for a link to the Job description with further instructions for applicants.

Count Committee Report: 1/5 & 1/12

Council is grateful for your faithful tithes and offerings. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

General Fund: \$22,170.00

CEAF: 7,123.00

Benevolence: 3,600.00

Family Promise: 450.00

JAMLAC: 309.00