

# Church Calendar

## Sunday ~ January 27

Age-specific Sunday School. Offering is for the General Fund.  
Pastor Joel continues preaching on *Ecclesiastes*.  
5-7pm – High School Youth Group

## Monday ~ January 28

6:30pm – Count Committee

## Tuesday ~ January 29

1:30-3:00pm – Staff meeting

## Wednesday ~ January 30

7:30am – Men’s Breakfast Bible Study in Emerson House

6:30pm - Women’s Bible study in Emerson House

6:45pm - *Beloved of God* Yoga

## Thursday ~ January 31

## Friday ~ February 1

Library is staffed

## Saturday ~ February 2

7:00am – Men’s Bible Study

## Sunday ~ February 3

Age Specific Sunday School; Pastor Joel on *Ecclesiastes*, Offering: Joshua Station  
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Will you please email [Connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:Connections@firstcrcdenver.org) with your First CRC meeting schedule for the New Year? If you prefer, leave a flyer or list of dates with updated contact information on the receptionist’s desk. Indicate if you would like your meetings or events listed on the website calendar. We want to be certain we reserve the space you need as we incorporate Family Promise weeks.

## Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Children in Worship:** Briana Van Anandel, Hamnah Grafton, Sam Lamsma, James Jonker

**Nursery:** Jessica Cleveland, Jill Newcombe, Keith Bol, Madisyn Hunt

**Camera:** Isaac Jonker **Lyrics:** Aaron Elgersma **Sound:** Jim Dehaan

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

**Coffee:** Schaefer

## Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Children in Worship:** Bret Lamsma, Luke Ruter, Erin Youngsma, Andy VDB

**Nursery:** Beth DeBoer, Evy Keyes, Annika DeBoer, Aaron Elgersma

**Camera:** TBD **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

**Coffee:** Cadys

**Newcomers, guests and visitors:** Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey. We have *Connect cards* in the pew pockets to help us to communicate with you.

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**Reading the Moravian Text** together in 2019. Pastor Bret has ordered 2019 devotionals. Donations to offset the cost are appreciated: \$10 for the small books & \$15 for the Journal. Books will be on a table in the foyer. You can place your offering in the green box. Please access the Moravian Church web site if you would like to receive the Daily Scripture readings via email: [www.moravian.org](http://www.moravian.org).

**Save The Date: March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm:** First Christian Reformed Church *Faith & Family* night for the **Colorado Avalanche Hockey Game** at the Pepsi Center with Danny Oertli concert. \$25 Ticket price includes game, concert and \$10 food/beverage credit.

Visit: [Avalanche.KSETickets.com/FCR](http://Avalanche.KSETickets.com/FCR) to reserve seats (no fees or taxes).  
*Handicap seating available by calling Will Kelley #303.405.6197.*

## Family Promise Update:

Plans for our first Family Promise host week (April 7-14) are going well. We will be recruiting volunteers in the near future and have 3 training sessions on the calendar:

- Wednesday, 2/20, 6-8 pm
- Sunday, 2/24, 5-7 pm
- Sunday 3/10, 11 am to 1pm

If you plan to volunteer, you will be required to attend one of the above meetings. If you have any questions about volunteering or about the program, contact one of the Family Promise team members;

- Bret Lamsma ([bret@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:bret@firstcrcdenver.org)) - Overall Coordinator
- Chris/Amanda Lighthiser ([clighthiser@gmail.com](mailto:clighthiser@gmail.com))- Grocery Coordinators
- Ed Schans ([ejs-62@comcast.net](mailto:ejs-62@comcast.net)) - Transportation Coordinator
- Jill Schreurs ([jill.schreurs@gmail.com](mailto:jill.schreurs@gmail.com)) - Meal Coordinator
- Mary Lanser ([marylanser@gmail.com](mailto:marylanser@gmail.com)) - Facilities Coordinator
- Melanie Jonker ([melanie.jonker@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.jonker@gmail.com)) -Overnight Coordinator

## Help Needed

**Administrative Assistant Needed:** Volunteers in Action has a ministry position opening for a 10 hour per week Administrative Assistant. This involves providing administrative and office assistance, bookkeeping assistance and distributing organizational communications. If interested, please e-mail a cover letter and resume to [donn@volunteersinaction.info](mailto:donn@volunteersinaction.info) or sent to Volunteers in Action, 9185 E. Kenyon Ave. #130, Denver, CO 80237. Feel free to contact Donn Hansum at 303-713-9144 if you have questions.

## Council Update:

The Council met 1.16.19. Below are the highlights of our January meeting:

- The Council is excited that the new sound and audiovisual equipment are being installed this week. We are thankful that this project was possible because of a grant from CRC Properties, Inc.
- Council approved a revised and updated version of the Protection policy that is in place to protect the vulnerable among us. Many thanks to Shirley Van Heukelem for her work in revising this policy.
- Council encourages all families who are planning to apply for assistance through the new Christian Education Assistance Fund, to be sure to apply for financial aid through their schools. Many of those financial aid deadlines are fast approaching. Members of the CEAP committee are: Keith Bol, Troy Newcombe and Laurie Sanderson. Please keep your eyes out for more CEAP information coming in the near future.
- Council is thankful for the faithful support of the First CRC General Fund. We praise God for your generous support of the ministries of our church here in Denver and around the world.

## First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

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

**Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210**

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

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:  
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,  
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

## January 27, 2019 ~ Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is He who made us, and we are His;**

**we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

**give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

**His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

\*Prayer:

Mighty God,

We do not yet see the glory You plan for all humankind,

but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank You for the humility and holiness in which He lived and died.

We praise You that He freed us from our sin,

that He comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,

and that He gives us courage to follow Him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord! Amen.

\*Song: *All Creatures of Our God and King* LUYH 551: vv 1, 2, 5, 6

\*God’s Greeting and Mutual 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:

For the times we have lied to one another  
and the times we have been lied to,  
**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have laughed at one another's pain  
and the times we have been laughed at,  
**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent  
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,  
**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have not respected another's freedom  
to be different from us,  
**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have betrayed a friend  
and the times we have been betrayed,  
**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

**O God of heaven and earth,  
You emptied Yourself of Your power and became a helpless baby  
in order that You might heal the sick world. Teach us to empty  
ourselves of the things that destroy us and keep us alone.  
Empty us of our jealousy, of our meanness,  
of our fear of others, for Jesus' sake. Amen**

Song: *Healer of Our Every Ill*, LUYH 303, vv 1,3,4

Assurance of Pardon:

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible  
that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
Receive the forgiving love of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Song of Assurance: *Kwake Yesu nasimama/ Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand*  
LUYH 708

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

## Word

Children In Worship: *Children ages 3-Kindergarten are invited to participate in  
interactive Bible study together downstairs with adult leaders. Parents and  
guardians are always welcome.*

Leader: We are God's family.  
We joyfully surrender to Jesus.  
We freely share our lives.  
We humbly embrace the hurting.

People: **The Lord be with you.**  
Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1-12, pg. 664-665

Sermon: *Not Alone*

\*Song of Response: *We Are Called* LUYH 296

## Sending

\*Sending: 1 John 4:7-12

Dear Friends,  
Let us love one another,  
For love comes from God.

**Everyone who loves  
has been born of God and knows God.  
Whoever does not love  
does not know God  
because God is love.**

This is how God showed His love among us:  
He sent His one and only Son into the world  
that we might live through Him.

**This is love:  
Not that we loved God,  
But that He loved us  
And sent His Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Dear friends,  
Since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God;  
but if we love one another,  
God lives in us  
and His love is made complete in us.**

\*Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace* LUYH 938

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper (*attending Worship Symposium*)

Accompanist: Christy Bol

## Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus will be for the country of **Yemen** during  
January/February. Please look for a prayer sheet by the silver message board with  
two prayers written by Yemen believers. Yemen Christians are being denied food and  
water relief distributed by local mosques in conjunction with Islamic State.*

We pray for those among us struggling to breathe due to issues with lungs, flu,  
heart or limited oxygen.

We ask for restored vision for those with eye problems.

We beseech the Lord for healing from various forms of cancer.

We pray God's comfort over the Van Eps and Van Stelle families. Tom Van Stelle,  
was ushered into the Kingdom, surrounded by loved ones, on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

We thank the Lord for provision, protection and the peace of Christ.

*First CRC has a group of women that faithfully and confidentially pray for your  
requests. If you are in need of prayer support, email Marj at [mddeboer@juno.com](mailto:mddeboer@juno.com).*

## IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

**February Family Nights: Wednesday – February 6 & February 20  
5:45pm** *Free meal is served.* **6:30pm:** GEMS/Cadets/Movie Club/Yoga

**Sunday School Teachers** - SAVE THE DATE - **Sunday, March 3, noon to  
1:30pm** for a thank-you luncheon. We'd love to have you all there!

**Save the Date!!! Women of First CRC:** we have a date, venue and speaker  
lined up for our 2019 Fall Retreat. Put **September 27-29** on your calendars. We  
will meet in Breckenridge Friday evening through noon on Sunday. More details to  
follow. We are looking for a few more women to serve on the committee, so if you  
are interested contact Shirley Van Heukelem at [shirley@firstcrddenver.org](mailto:shirley@firstcrddenver.org).

**Stamp Class** Greeting Card Group: meets monthly (typically the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)  
to create the lovely cards available for your use on the Narthex welcome tables. If  
you would like more information, please contact Carol Kats: [crkats@yahoo.com](mailto:crkats@yahoo.com)

**Circle of Hope** support system is for families caring for a loved one wrestling  
with mental illness issues. This confidential encouragement group meets on the  
second Saturday of the month: Next meeting is **February 9<sup>th</sup> in room 21.**  
Contact [czoetewey@comcast.net](mailto:czoetewey@comcast.net).

**Prayer group for Persecuted Believer's** meets on the second Monday at  
9:30am in room 12/13 to lift up those who cannot worship freely without fear of  
potential punishment or violence. Next meeting is Monday, **February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**GEMS:** Due to a busy season we are postponing the GEMS Birthday party that  
was previously scheduled for this Wednesday. **More details coming soon.**

## OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

**Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~**

**Urgent Need for Missionaries** - How is God calling you to spread the gospel?  
Resonate has an urgent need for people to step into ministry in North America and  
throughout the world. You might be surprised by how God can use your  
knowledge, skills and abilities to expand His kingdom. Explore volunteer and  
career opportunities by visiting [resonateglobalmission.org/go](http://resonateglobalmission.org/go).

**Freely Sharing Our Lives ~**

**Camp Invention** is coming to *St. John's Lutheran School* this summer. Camp  
Invention is a week-long hands on STEM camp [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](http://INVENT.ORG/CAMP). Camp takes  
place **June 24-28 from 9:00am – 3:30pm**. See flyers in the back for more  
information, or contact Sara Ribbens: [sararibbens@gmail.com](mailto:sararibbens@gmail.com).

Our **Children in Worship** ministry has an urgent need for more lead teachers.  
Curriculum and other activity ideas are part of the program, so it just takes some  
preparation time and set up. If this is something that you feel led to do, please  
contact Kelsie Ruter ([kelsieruter@gmail.com](mailto:kelsieruter@gmail.com)).

**Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~**

**Volunteers in Action** has started a new ministry effort, ***Heart Connections***, which  
connects individuals and families with children of all ages to visit care facility  
friends who do not receive many visitors. A flier with more information is in your  
box today. Our goal is to alleviate loneliness and isolation, and equip families to  
serve and live on mission in our city. We are partnering with two care facilities,  
Rowan Community and Canterbury Gardens. Please pray if God is calling you to  
this type of relational ministry. If you are interested contact Emily at [Volunteers in  
Action](mailto:VolunteersinAction.info), 303-713-9144 or [emilyd@volunteersinaction.info](mailto:emilyd@volunteersinaction.info)