

Church Calendar for week of: January 28, 2018

Sunday ~ January 28: Pastor Joel is preaching, offering is for Benevolence, a fund to extend God's grace and mercy in a financial manner to those in need.

5:00pm - Youth Group meeting to deliver meals.

5:00pm - Club 68

Monday ~ January 29: Office is closed.

Tuesday ~ January 30:

1:00pm - Staff meeting in room 21.

6-9pm - Vicars' mentoring meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday ~ January 31: No Family Night

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

6:30pm - GEMS Darlings and Desserts in Fellowship Hall

Thursday ~ February 1:

9-11am - Sew & Sews in rooms 12/13.

Friday ~ February 2:

9-11am - Library ladies

Saturday ~ February 3:

7:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in room 21.

Sunday - February 4: Pastor Joel preaching; offering is for General Fund.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 28th:

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

Nursery: Cristin Buys, Darin Gunnett, Isaac Jonker, Madisyn Hunt

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Staff

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, February 4th:

Children in Worship: Allie Christians, Laurie Sanderson, Annika DeBoer,

Ari Waanders

Nursery: Briana Van Andel, Nancy Waanders, Hannah DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders & Anne Butyen

Coffee: Cadys

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, hot chocolate 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.

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

Would you like to host our February newcomer welcome lunch?

Enjoy fellowship, following worship from 11-12, with staff and newest attendees.

Welcome new people and help staff by preparing food for approximately 15-20 guests. Staff will set up and clean up. Call Rebecca for details #303.733.4936.

Sermon Notes:



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
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**Order of Worship
January 28, 2018
Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome

Song: *I Will Give you Rest* LUYH 666

Processional

*Song: *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* LUYH 575:1-4

*Song: *Sons and Daughters*

*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:

Loving God,

We confess before You and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.

And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

Open our eyes,

That we may see You in the ones we say we love.

Open our ears,

that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Open our mouths,

to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

Open our hands,

that we might be generous, and let go of clenched fists.

Open our hearts,

to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to Your will and Your way.

We pray, trusting in Your forgiveness and in the power of Your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for Your name's sake.

Amen

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

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Rebecca J. Schaefer: Communications & Admin. ext. 102

Assurance of Pardon:

God demonstrates His own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves,
in Him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Song of Assurance: *Before the Throne of God Above* LUYH 682

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

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.**

Prayers of Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Exodus 5:1-21, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sermon: *A Day To Remember*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Come Away From Rush and Hurry* LUYH 527

Sending

*Sending Litany:

Lord, as we leave this place of worship
and return to our homes, our schools,
our neighborhoods, and our places of work.

**Keep us mindful of who You are, and who we
are, even in the midst of our busy lives.**

King of creation:

You are our loving God and our faithful Father.

We are Your children

Perfectly loved, freed, and forgiven

In Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Song: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (LUYH 946)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Minister of The Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship: Christy Bol, with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer

Our First CRC Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers during **January and February** is on **Somalia**. *See the display on the silver connection board and the accompanying pink prayer sheets with specific requests on the adjoining table.*

We pray for Worship Coordinator Kyle Cooper and team, returning from the Worship Symposium.

Please continue prayers for Carol Kats, as she grieves the loss of her brother, LeRoy.

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

In ~ Events & Activities

Club 68 will meet this Sunday night from 5-7 in the fellowship hall.

Sr. High Youth Group will be bringing dinner to and visiting with some of our home-bound members this Sunday night. High-Schoolers, please meet your leaders at church at 5pm.

Live Justly class for adults will meet today from 11-12noon in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Do you love movies? Do you enjoy discussions on ethics?

Beginning **February 7**, we will be offering a discussion group during Family Night entitled "Film and Ethics." We will meet in room 21 (Green Room) from 6:30-8:00. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bret.

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, feel free to contact your elder or deacon.

The Council noted that Karen Soodsma resigned as First CRC's bookkeeper and that Russ DenBraber will be replacing her in this vital role.

Thank you, Karen, for your years of service to all of us here at First CRC and blessings as you focus on other areas of your life.

Thank you, Russ, for your willingness to fill this position. We all look forward to working with you.

2017 Contribution Statements: Our Treasurer, Chris Lighthiser, put everyone's **2017 giving tax receipts** in their church mailboxes. If you have any questions about your contribution statements, please contact the office.

Out ~ Serve & Support

Volunteers In Action seeks help for a woman living near downtown Englewood, who is isolated and has health issues, desiring a companion to exercise, take walks and 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.

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). We will be package bags on **February 4th** and deliver as many care package or 'Blessing Bags' as we can in time for Valentine's Day. Please see the flyer in your mailbox for a list of needed items. 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 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, 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. Thank you in advance!

Other ~

Platt Park Children's Center invites you to:

Save the Date: PPCC Silent Auction, **April 13, 2018**, more info to come. Please join us at **Park Burger Monday, January 29**, from **5:30-8:30** pm. Present the flyer in church mailboxes when ordering and PPCC will receive a portion of the purchases.

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.

Eagle Lake Camp - We are again partnering with Hope Community Church and Platt Park Church to bring Eagle Lake Camp to the Platt Park neighborhood this summer. Camp will take place at Hope Community Church from **June 11-15**. All of the information and registration can be found at <https://eaglelakecamps.com/camp/athopechurch/>. Scholarships are available. For any other information talk to Pastor Bret today.