

Church Calendar for the week of: January 8-15, 2017

Please send the office your ministry schedule of meetings for 2017, so we can update our office calendar and web-site information.

Sunday, January 8: Pastor Joel preaching on 1 Samuel; Offering: GEMS/Cadets
Grow Groups Meet today! Check easels in the Foyer for locations.
Winter Break: No Sunday School this week; no choir practice today.

Monday ~ January 9

9:15am - Prayer for the Persecuted Church Rooms 12/13

Tuesday ~ January 10

1:00pm - Staff Meeting
7:00pm - Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday ~ January 11: Family Night Resumes (Staff/Henry Z.)

7:30am – Men's Huddle
5:45pm - Family Night Meal & 6:30pm: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break
FN Nursery: Erin Reynolds
7:15pm – Twenty-Somethings in Emerson House

Thursday ~ January 12

9:00am ~ Sew and Sews sewing group in Rooms 12/13

Friday ~ January 13

9:00am – Library Ladies

Saturday ~ January 14

10:00am – Circle of Hope Group (Mental Illness family support) Rm. 21

Name Tag & Lord's Supper Sunday ~ January 15, 2017

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for General fund.
11:00am: Age-specific Sunday School and Choir practice;

Welcome to all of our visitors and guests! Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back for kids to draw on, and return for a surprise. Elders are up front and would be honored to pray with you, or answer any questions. Fair trade coffee and hot tea are ready for you in the back of the church.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 8th

Nursery: Jill Schreurs, Dave Cady, Jevon van Vliet, Hannah De Boer, Denali Schmitt

CIW: *Samuel, Samuel!* Christine Nibbelink, Andy Van den Boogaard, Torre Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Young/Schaefer

DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, January 15th

Nursery: Jenn Van Otterloo, Jeff Christians, Josh Youngsma, Cathy Zoetewey, Jacob Van Donselaar

CIW: *Lions & Bears,* Karen Waanders, Ashleigh Bol, Sam Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Cadys

Lord's Supper Prep & DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 1**

2017 January Series - Continues through January 24 at 10:30 MT with topics ranging from re-imagining healthcare, closing the gender gap in technology, global poverty and violence, vocation and calling, race and reconciliation and so much more, by top experts in their fields. **Denver Christian School will once again host** the live feed webcast. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and listening options visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january.

Available Free in the Digital Library - "*Signs & Wonders*" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This book reexamines biblical teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit, with respect to such gifts as speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, and spiritual warfare.

Grow Group News

This Sunday at 11:00am: **January 8, 2017**, is our Grow Group UP/IN meal and fellowship time. The location of each Grow Group meeting place is listed below:

1. **Berghuis/Bol** Grow Group - Newcombe's home, 2158 S. Clarkson Street, Denver 80210
2. **Waanders/Lighthiser** Grow Group - Van Heukelem's home, 2319 S. Columbine St., Denver 80210
3. **DenBraber/Buteyn** - Eric DenBraber's home, 7337 S. Platte Canyon Drive, Littleton, 80128
4. **Schmitt/VandenBoogaard** - Pit Stop garage, directly south of church building, 1826 S. Emerson St., Denver 80210
5. **DeHaan/Van Andel** - Rooms 12/13 in the church basement
6. **Schans/Nibbelink** - Fellowship Hall in the church basement

Visitors: Today we have pot-luck fellowship groups meeting after service. If you are new, visiting or a guest, you are invited to join any one of the three groups meeting here at the Church (downstairs or in the garage next door). Ask an Elder to point you in the right direction – there will be more than enough food for all, so don't worry if you did not bring anything...just bring yourselves~ you are welcome!

Sunday School & Family Night Schedule

Mark your Calendars: Age-specific Sunday School will begin again on **January 15** and Family Night will start up again on **January 11**.

First Christian Reformed Church

Email: connections@firstcrdenver.org #303.733.4936

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

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*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing
abundant life in Jesus...*

Order of Worship January 8, 2017

Prelude and Processional

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in His holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths,
so that we may worship You at all times.**

*Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

*Prayer of Adoration and Praise

In the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

Rejoice in the lord, O You righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

**I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.**

*Song: *How Great Is Our God* LUYH 574

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Refrain: *Give Me a Clean Heart* LUYH 621

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-17

Song of Confession: *Give Me A Clean Heart* LUYH 621

Assurance of Pardon:

*Song of Assurance: *Nothing But the Blood*

Offering: GEMS/Cadets Corporate

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 Samuel 16:1-13 Pg. 283

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Anointed*

Prayer for Application

Songs of Response:

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God LUYH 746

Breathe On Me Breath of God LUYH 747

Sending

From *Isaiah 61:1*

We share in the anointing of Christ!

**The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on us,
because the Lord has anointed us.**

He has anointed us

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent us

**to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners.**

Because we share in the anointing of Christ,

We are prophets,

We are priests,

We are Kings!

*Sending Song: *Send Me, Lord* LUYH 945

*Blessing:

Everlasting God,

In whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for Yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in Your light we may see light clearly,
and in Your service find perfect freedom
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Musicians: First Church Band

Accompanist: Christy Bol

Prayer and Care for God's People

We give thanks and praise for **Kyle Cooper's new nephew**, Roscoe James Welch. Kyle's sister is doing well, and we pray for abundant health and energy for her, and good rest for the new dad.

We thank God that newborn, **Anneka van Vliet**, was released to home after being admitted to Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital earlier this week with difficulty breathing due to RSV. Thank you for your prayers for her healing, and the love and support we have already received since her birth. *Becky and Jevon van Vliet*

We pray for the family of **Ida Gunnink**, who passed away on December 27, 2016 in Holland, Michigan. She and her husband, Jerrien Gunnink, faithfully served this church from 1976-1987 and then returned to our church as an emeritus pastor in 1994. They moved to Michigan in 2009 to be closer to their children. We praise God for their dedication to the Gospel.

Please pray for **Larry Young's mother, Harriett**, who has been moved into a new facility in Norman, Kansas. Pray for his father also as they all adjust to the new living arrangements.

We pray for the family of **Henrietta Louise Bakker**, born Nov. 3, 1927, in Lebanon, South Dakota, and passed from this life into glory on Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the Bethany Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home in Denver, at the age of 89. Henrietta attended First Church from 1956-58.

Walt & Carol Ackerman (1/4- 1/23) & Sharon Engel (1/7 - 1/21) from First Church will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services on a *Needs Assessment* team in Livingston Parish, LA due to flooding in August, 2016. They will be interviewing vulnerable residents (the elderly, disabled, low-income, etc.) to make their needs known to case workers, ensuring their needs are met and that they do not fall through the cracks. We pray for their safety, discernment and good health.

Stephen Ministers are here for you when a diagnosis of cancer, or other long-term, debilitating illness comes to your home and family. Stephen ministers are specifically trained to listen, care, encourage and support you. Contact Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org if you would like someone to listen, pray and come-alongside you.

Circle of Hope: Is a small group for support, prayer and encouragement of families where mental illness is present. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month, 10am in Room 21. Email Cathy at czoetewey@comcast.net

First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for **confidential prayer**. Please send your prayer requests by email to: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org or mddeboer@juno.com

First Church Opportunities to Connect and Serve

Kids Hope USA / McKinley Thatcher Elementary school

26 different adults in our church have been a mentor in this program over the last 10 years. Many of them continued with their child until they graduated from 5th grade. The principal tells us she would welcome more lovely 1st CRC people to work with their kids. She has several 3rd graders that could benefit from a relationship with a caring adult. Please let us know if you would like to consider helping a child in this way. Contact: Bob DeMasters #303-797-6356

Prayer For the Persecuted Church: Meets **January 9** at 9:30 in Rm. 12/13. We continue our Prayer focus on North Korea. Please see the Connection Board in the Foyer with a map with specific areas of prayer. Contact Kathy Ritsema for more information.

Hospitality: Making and serving coffee and cookies is an easy way to stay connected, meet new people and increase the "friendly factor" at First Church. If your family would like to do this one Sunday every quarter, call the office at #303-733-4936. *If you are already on the existing Coffee Team, please confirm your availability, so we can send out a final 2017 schedule.*

Cascade of Hope:

Victor Perez is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with: *English* as a second language, *Group Citizenship*, *Computer Basics* and *GED mentoring*. This is a wonderful and fun way to make friends from another culture. ESL meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning **February 7 at 6:30pm**. Computer Basics/Group Citizenship/GED classes all meet Wednesdays, beginning **February 8th at 6:30**. All classes are held at Mountain View Community Church: 3939 W. Florida Ave. Look for a flyer.

Twenty Somethings Group: The twenty-somethings of First CRC and Hope Community Church meet **Tuesdays at 7:15pm** at 1826 S Emerson St. Denver (house next to First Church). We are just beginning Romans, and would love for you to join us! If you would like more information about the group, just email kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org.

Small Groups and Bible Study Opportunities in 2017:

There are small group studies meeting off-site throughout the year. If you would like to start one, or join a small group already in process, please call the office #303-733-4936 and speak to Shirley Van Heukelem.

During Family Night on Wednesdays, beginning again on **January 11th**, a women's Bible study and fellowship group called *Coffee Break* meets in the Emerson House (next door to church) at 6:30pm following our meal time, served from 5:45-6:15 in the Fellowship Hall (\$2.50 per person). Contact Beth Posthumus #303-947-1085.

Men from First Church gather every other Saturday morning, in Room 21, for a *Bible Study* and prayer time. Contact Rod O. #303-471-9370.

Requested Announcements:

Sea to Sea Bicycle Tour - Whether you are up for the full coast-to-coast ride or you prefer to join for part of the trip, *Sea to Sea* is for everyone with a heart for service and a sense of adventure. Get involved! Call us today at: 1-888-CRC-BIKE!

Platt Park Children's Center Registration:

New family registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins on Tuesday, January 17. Please see our website or call 303-282-7722 to schedule a tour in January. We offer classes for children 2 ½ -Jr Kindergarten and would love to visit with you!

The Library is missing a DVD from Ray Vanderlaan's series *Fire on the Mountain*. If you find this DVD, we would like to get it back into the Library collection for small group, or individual study. Thank you!