

Church Calendar for July 17th-24th, 2016

Sunday~ July 17 Pastor Joel is preaching; Elders & Deacons will be installed. Congregational Budget Meeting immediately following the worship service. Our offering today is for Denver Area Youth For Christ.

Monday~ July 18 – Offices Closed

Tuesday ~ July 19

1:00 -3:00pm – Staff meeting - Room 21

7:00pm – Council Meeting and Transition

Wednesday~ July 20

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

Thursday ~ July 21

9:00am – 11:30am- Sew & Sews Sewing Group

Friday ~ July 22

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday~ July 23

1:00am – 3:00pm - Stamp Class

Sunday~ July 24

Pastor Joel is preaching; Offering is for General Fund

7:00pm - Worship Night at the Fire Pit

Congregational Meeting Today, July 17th

Our new Elders and Deacons will be installed today, those rolling off the roster will be thanked and a congregational meeting will follow to review the 2016/2017 Budget.

Welcome to all of our visitors, we are glad you are here! The next newcomer welcome lunch will be held on **August 14, from 11-12** in the Emerson House, hosted by Jeff and Allie Christians! If you are new to First Church, please fill out a Connect Card found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available at the tables in back. Refreshments and good fellowship can be found outside. Elders up front will consider it an honor to pray with and for you. Our offering today is for the day-to-day operating costs of First CRC.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, July 17th

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Dan Addink, Chloe Hansum, Cathy Zoetewey, Jr. Helper Marissa Bol

Children in Worship: *God Calls Abraham* Erin, Eliana & Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Rick Schmitt

Sound: Paul Deboer **Video:** Annika Deboer **PPT:** Hannah DeBoer

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #6

Coffee: Carol Kats

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, July 24th

Nursery: Jenn Van Otterloo, Lana Oosterhouse, Christy Bol, Ashleigh Bol, Jr. Helper Leah Monroe

Children in Worship: *Jacob/Colorful Coat* Alice & Sam Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: TBD

Sound: David Schans **Video:** Brett VDB **PPT:** Logan Posthumus

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #6

Coffee: Schaefer/Schuttinga

The CEP committee has access to King Soopers and Safeway SCRIP cards that benefit the First CRC General Fund. If you would like more information about SCRIP or would like a card, please see Sandie Posthumus, or contact cep@firstcrcdenver.org

Missions Announcements:

Disaster Volunteers Needed in Detroit, Mich. Funding Available - The greater Detroit area in Michigan was hit by severe flooding in 2014. Church, school, and family groups are needed now, and through this fall to repair homes for the elderly, disabled, and otherwise vulnerable. Groups who wish to serve in Detroit, particularly those that include some diversity and otherwise could not afford to serve in this way, through World Renew Disaster Response Services are eligible to apply for special funding to help with volunteer expenses. Visit worldrenew.net/group-mission-trips, or call 800-848-5818, to learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

Address updates:

Al & Kay Bierling: lkbierling@aol.com

Count Committee Report: 7/3 & 7/10

The Council is grateful for each of you, and appreciates your support.

General Fund: \$24,536.00

Kid's Hope: \$283.25

En-Gedi \$425.00

The anticipated offering for a two-week period is approximately \$26,402.20.

The Next Count Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 25th.

Council News:

New members of First Church Council will assume their new positions this Sunday. Deacons will be Roger Vanden Boogaard and Chad Nibbelink. Elders will be Nancy Waanders, Sheri DeHaan and Karen Waanders with Karen serving as Clerk of Council.

Please remember to thank the retiring members of Council: David Youngsma, Jeremy Waanders, Joel Jonker, Donn Hansum, and Clerk of Council Darrell Hogan.



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Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver 80210

Pastor Joel Schreurs, ext. 101, Minister of The Word

Shirley Van Heukelem, ext. 104, Programs & Office Administrator

Kim Csepe, ext. 103, Director of Faith Formation

Kyle Cooper, ext. 105, Worship Coordinator

Larry and Alyse Young, Custodians

Rebecca J. Schaefer, ext. 102, Administrative Assistant



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Order of Worship ~ July 17th, 2016

Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Call To Worship

*Songs:

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Come Thou Fount

LUYH 521

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Celebration of God's Faithful Leadership

Recognition and Appreciation of Retiring Office Bearers

Elders: Joel Jonker, Donn Hansum, Darrell Hogan (clerk)

Deacons: David Youngsma, and Jeremy Waanders

Ordination and Installation of Succeeding Office Bearers

In the role of Deacon – Roger Vanden Boogaard and Chad Nibbelink

In the role of Elder - Nancy Waanders, Sheri DeHaan

and Karen Waanders (Clerk)

In these officebearers of the church we see the love of Christ for His people. As the Lord of the church He appoints leaders and by His Spirit equips them, so that believers may grow in faith, develop disciplined Christian living, serve others in selfless love, and share with all the good news of salvation. He taught us the spirit of true leadership when He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Matt. 20:26-28

Laying on of Hands

God our heavenly Father, who has called you to these sacred offices, guide you by His Word, equip you with His Spirit, and so prosper your ministries that His church may increase and His name be praised. Amen.

Asterisk indicates when we stand; **Bold print shows where congregation speaks.*

Word

Charge To The Elders

I charge you, elders, to "guard yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with his own blood." Be a friend and Christ-like example to children. Give clear and cheerful guidance to young people. By word and example, bear up God's people in their pain and weakness, and celebrate their joys with them. Hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage the aged to persevere in God's promises. Be wise counselors who support and strengthen the pastor. Be compassionate, yet firm and consistent, in rebuke and discipline. Know the Scriptures, which are "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." Pray continually for the church. Remember at all times that if you would truly give spiritual leadership in the household of faith, you must be completely mastered by your Lord.

Charge To The Deacons

I charge you, deacons, to inspire faithful stewardship in this congregation. Remind us that "from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded" Teach us to be merciful. Prompt us to seize new opportunities to worship God with offerings of wealth, time, and ability. Realize that benevolence is a quality of our life in Christ and not merely a matter of financial assistance. Therefore, minister to rich and poor alike, both within and outside the church. Weigh the needs of causes and use the church's resources discerningly. Be compassionate to the needy. Respect their need for dignity; hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage them with words that create hope in their hearts and with deeds that bring joy into their lives. Be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society, and be sensitive counselors to the victims of such evils. Let your lives be above reproach; live as examples of Christ Jesus; look to the interests of others.

***Charge To the Congregation**

I charge you, people of God, to receive these officebearers as Christ's gift to the church. Recognize in them the Lord's provision for healthy congregational life. Hold them in honor; take their counsel seriously; respond to them with obedience and respect; accept their help with thanks. Sustain them in prayer and encourage them with your support, especially when they feel the burden of their office. Acknowledge them as the Lord's servants among you. Do you, congregation, pledge to receive them as you have been charged? **Congregation: We do, God helping us.**

***Prayer For Intercession and Gratitude**

Our merciful Father in heaven, we thank You that You have provided faithful and gifted people to serve as elders and deacons. As these new office-bearers assume their responsibilities, fill them with Your Spirit, endow them with Your wisdom, and grant them strength. Make them faithful workers in Your vineyard. Under their guidance may Your church grow in every spiritual grace, in faith which is open and unashamed, and in the committed service that promotes Your reign in the world. Help them to perform their duties with enthusiasm and humility. In their work, grant them a sense of sustained awe, which is rooted in daily adoration of You, their Lord. Through them may Your name be honored and Your church be served. Help us, Your people, to accept them gladly, encourage them always, and respect them for the sake of Your precious Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Children in Worship

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.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44 pg. 1017
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Puffed Up or Poured Out?* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Sending

*Song of Response: *Take My Life* LUYH 863

Offering: for Denver Area Youth for Christ

Offertory & Offertory Prayer: *By Your Side* Dance Team

*Sending
People of God, as we go out into the world,
let us be fully devoted to God and serve Him alone.
The Lord alone is our God (Deut. 6:4).
Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
With our whole heart we seek you; let us not wander from your commandments (Ps. 119:10).
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
As the deer pants for water, so our souls pant for you (Ps. 42:1).
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
We will not conform to the ways of this world, but we will be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).
Love the Lord your God with all your strength.
We offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is our true and proper worship (Romans 12:1).

*Sending Song: *Be Thou My Vision* LUYH 859

***Blessing**

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper Worship Arts: Jessica Benson & Dance Team
Musicians: First CRC Band

First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer offered, please send your prayer requests by email to: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com

Prayer For God's People:

Pray for all of the women attending the GEMS Convention this week in Montana - July 21-24. Carol Alsum, Jessica Benson, Felicia Richeson and Becky Vermeer are attending from our church. Pray for traveling mercies and a rewarding time together.

Praise that Ed Berghuis is home recovering nicely from total hip replacement. Thank you for calls, visits and prayers.

Barb Anema would like to thank you for your prayers for her sister, Claire Hoek, who was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer. Claire has recently completed 100 days post stem cell transplant. The lab results that were just received were very good and the doctors even mentioned that it is unusual to see such good results! God is good!

First Church Upcoming Activities

Praise Together- Sun June 24th @ 7:00 pm

Join us for an informal time of worship on Sunday June 24th by the firepit at church. We will sing our favorite worship songs & have time to share our favorite verses. Everyone is invited. If you would like to make sure your song is sung, send it to kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org by Thursday, July 21. For those who are comfortable sharing, we'd love to hear why the song you've chosen is meaningful to you. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Blue Plate Special: The kitchen has 4 new blue plastic trays that would love to be filled with cookies, bars, fresh fruit, or ??? that we could set out with our coffee each Sunday morning after our worship service. If you are interested in filling one or more of these, look for the empty trays in the kitchen, take them home, fill them with goodies and place in the church freezer or refrigerator. Mark them "Blue Plate Special" and we will be sure they get put out with the coffee. P.S. If you can't find the blue trays, any color tray will work.

Men's Wednesday Morning Group

The Men's Wednesday morning group will begin meeting in the Emerson House, and would like to invite any men who are interested to come and join! They are just beginning the book, *Covenant and Kingdom, the DNA of the Bible*. **Coffee is on at 6:00am, light breakfast at 6:30, and closing prayer at 7:30am.**

The Twenty-Somethings Group will get together to study the book of John. Locations and dates vary, so contact: Kylcooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Our Next Newcomer welcome lunch will be on **August 14th**, in the Emerson House, from 11:00am -12:00noon. Our host couple will be Jeff and Allie Christians. These lunches are casual fellowship times to provide an opportunity for new folks to meet staff members and enjoy a meal!

Requested Announcements & Opportunities:

World Renew RFP Technical Writer Consultancy (Grants Sub Team) - seeks to engage a technical writer who will revise, edit and format program reports, grant proposals, and other documents that are required by our institutional donors. **Proposals are due Monday, July 18, 2016.** Send submissions to Maria Rolim Campos atmrolimcampos@worldrenew.net. You can find additional information at <http://worldrenew.net/RFP>