

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ June 2 Mission Partner Jonathan Cady preaching

10:45am - Congregational Meeting/vote

11:30am - Mission partner luncheon for Jonathan & Marian Cady

The offering today is for Rehoboth Christian School: *Rehoboth is committed to building students up not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally, helping them grow into mature Christians. Rehoboth Christian School challenges its students to know the Triune God and equips them to love, serve, and transform the world in His name.*

Monday ~ June 3

Tuesday ~ June 4

6:30pm - Deacon's Meeting in Library

Wednesday ~ June 5 ~ Happy Birthday Larry Young!

8:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson

Thursday ~ June 6

7:00pm - Band Practice in Sanctuary

Friday ~ June 7

9:00am - Library

Saturday ~ June 8

7:00am - Men's Bible study in rm. 21

10:00am - Circle of Hope

Pentecost Sunday ~ June 9th

Name Tags, Lord's Supper

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 2

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Hannah DeBoer, Wyatt Vermeer

Nursery Leader: Beth DeBoer **Helpers:** Ann Rajewski, Matthew Jonker

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Ari Waanders **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, June 9

Children in Worship: Brianna Van Andel, Eliannah Reynolds, Gracie Hansum

Nursery Leader: Karen Waanders **Helpers:** Aaron Buys, Karissa Lamsma

Camera: Isaac Jonker **Lyrics:** Micah De Haan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Lohmanns

Lord's Supper: Grow Group 6

Welcome guests and visitors: *First CRC is grateful to have you here with us! Please fill out a Connect card in the pew pocket so we know how best to support and encourage you. Elders are up front for you after each service.*

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Women's Retreat Applications - Applications for Sept. 27-29, 2019

Women's Retreat in Breckenridge, CO are available online:

<https://forms.gle/XEWVgBQjGTLJPN9N8>

Applications and payment are due on or **before July 21**. There will be a few

copies of the application on a table in the foyer, and a flyer.

Contact Shirley Van Heukelem, or Julie Lamsma for more information

Council News

June 2nd Congregational Meeting

- Council is grateful for God's faithfulness in providing leaders in our congregation willing to serve. During the congregational meeting today, **June 2nd**, we will request the congregation ratify the following individuals to serve 3 year terms:

Elder:

Cathy Vandonselaar

Jim DeHaan

Sandie Posthumus (Clerk)

Deacon:

Donn Hansum

Craig Lohmann

- Council will ask the congregation to approve the General Fund budget for the coming fiscal year.
- In addition, Council will request that the congregation approve and support the requests for Christian Education assistance for the coming year in the amount of \$109,478 supporting 11 families. As a reminder, the process for supporting Christian Education has changed for the coming budget year and our financial support for Christian Education will no longer be a part of the General Fund. Instead, a separate account has been established to assist with the cost of tuition on a needs basis.

Missions Update From Margaret Njuguna ~

Lavency and Angel have returned home to live with their families! Lavency's young mom was home bound for 3 years caring for disabled Lavency and her sister's children, in exchange for rent. She now has her dream office job, due to Margaret's support, and can afford care for Lavency. Angel (with no arms/hands or legs/feet) stayed with Margaret for 3 years while her parents held factory jobs. They moved back to Kenya to fully accept little Angel into their family.

En-gedi Children's Home welcomes Mwangi James, a 6.5 year old boy, malnourished with cerebral palsy. A second boy, Mwongela, also with cerebral palsy and chest complications, has been embraced by Margaret and the staff. For prayer requests, please find a Spring edition Newsletter on the Missions table.

Missionary Celebrations: June

Birthdays ~

Judah Starkenburg - 9th

Cora Broek - 17th

Asher Starkenburg - 21st

Anniversary ~

Jonathan & Marian Cady - 27th

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

DENVER, COLORADO

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

Sunday ~ June 2, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

Call to Worship: *Acts 1:3-11*

*Song: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LUYH 209

*WSB pg. 664 #7

Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—

let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Let us praise His holy name!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia!**

*Song: *Sing to the King*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal *by Calvin Brondyk*, Reformed Worship 99

Lord, we praise you for your love and resurrection, and we have heard your Word. You are good, and Your love is life to us. Yet, Lord, we do not understand Your ways. At times we wonder why we cannot see You. Like the disciples, we look up, bewildered. We ask, "Are You going to restore Your kingdom at this time?"

How long, O Lord, before You restore Your kingdom here on earth?

Lord Jesus, in this world where sin is rampant, as we hear of You rising into heaven, we wonder what will happen next.

How long, O Lord, must we be patient while the wicked triumph?

Lord God Almighty, we look up in wonder, and we wait in anticipation for your return. We love you. We long to be in communion with you.

How long, O Lord, will the labors of your people fail?

Holy Spirit, in this world where even your people are separated by strife and anger, we long for your healing mercy and justice to put an end to all our grief.

How long, O Lord?

Song: *Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High* LUYH 655

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:3-5

You are enthroned as the Holy One;
You are the praise of Israel.
In You our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and You delivered them.
They cried to You and were saved;
in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

God of compassion, we are a fallen people.
We do not understand Your will, and we are humbled by Your presence.
Lord, have mercy on us!

God of grace, we have lied to our neighbors; we have spoken in anger to our loved ones; we have hated our enemies and betrayed our friends. We do not walk in the light as You have called us to walk. You give us light, and we are content to live in darkness apart from You. God of love, heal our unbelief. You have not promised us a life of ease, but only the love of a perfect Savior.
Lord, have mercy on us!

[silent confession]

People of God, this is the miracle of Ascension Day:
Jesus Christ does empathize with us.
He walked on the earth, and He sits now at God's right hand,
interceding on our behalf. Hear now these words of comfort:

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

"Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

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

Offering: Rehoboth Christian School

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

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.**

Scripture: Psalm 117

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Sending

*Sending: Colossians 3:1-4

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

We will set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with Him in glory.

*Sending Song: *Even So Come*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Guest Preacher:	Jonathan Cady
Minister of The Word:	Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation:	Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator:	Kyle Cooper and First CRC Band
Accompanist:	Jack Waanders

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for **May** and **June** will be for our brothers and sisters of **India**, including **Sri Lanka**. Please take a prayer sheet by the silver message board, or take a phone picture, for strategic prayer ideas. As you watch the weekly news, continue to pray for provision, protection and a sense of our Lord's divine presence for believers who have sustained trauma and great loss.*

Praise God for our newest First Church family member: Caleb William Keyes was born on Thursday, May 30 at 11 PM to Jeff & Karen Keyes.

We praise God for new treatment options and hope for cancer treatment. We pray for **those who continue to battle cancer** of all kinds.

We pray for safe and effective eye surgery for **Kyle Cooper** on **June 11th**.

We continue to pray for the **Houtkooper** family, and friends of Edna, as they grieve her loss and remember her impact on their hearts.

We lift up those who are unable to attend worship due to health constraints.

We pray for the young men and adult leaders returning from Long Scraggy.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am. Contact: Joel.jonker@gmail.com

Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat.*, next mtgs. **June 8 & 22**. Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Coffee Break Summer Schedule: June 12 & 26 at 6:30pm in Library. **July 10** in Library; **July 24** in Emerson House. August Pot Luck - TBD
Contact Betty Eyser: b.eyser@comcast.net; or Beth@firstcrcdenver.org

Sew & Sews meets every other Thursday in rm 12/13. Next mtgs. **June 13 & 27**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Save The Date! Long Scraggy All-church picnic off-site: Sunday, **August 25th**. Call John at Long Scraggy to make your weekend camping reservations: 303.838.7770
More details to follow. Let us know if you have any suggestions, or want to help.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

As we finish our preschool year, we want to again express our gratitude for your continued care for Platt Park Children's Center. We appreciate your prayers and financial support! We are seeking additional teaching staff for the 2019-20 school year. We are a part day preschool program serving children 2.5-5 years old. If you have a love for young children and would like more information, please email Cheryl Schmitt, Director at ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com. Thank you!
1601 S. Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80210 #303-282-7722, #303-733-1567 fax

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Foster Care: Bethany Christian Services of Colorado has a heart for children, and we equip families to be the answer for children in need. With offices in Denver and Colorado Springs, our staff works to bring and keep families together through our services that include foster care, adoption and pregnancy support. Foster care continues to be our largest program, as Colorado's need for foster families is high. If you are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, we would love to connect with you: Bethany.org/Denver #303-221-0734

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Durable Medical Equipment Needed! Volunteers in Action's Loan Bank is running low and we are presently in need of gently used wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, 4 wheel walkers, shower chairs, knee scooters, etc. These items help people in our supporting churches needing them temporarily as well as individuals who are low-income being discharged from area hospitals or rehab centers. If you have any of these items to donate, to help someone else who needs them, please call the **VIA office at 303-713-9144** or volunteers Dave or Delton at **303-789-5444**. Thanks!