

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 23 –

Pastor Joel preaching: The Ten Commandments
Offering is for the General Operating Fund and programs of First CRC.

Monday ~ June 24

Tuesday ~ June 25

Wednesday ~ June 26

8:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson
6:30pm – Coffee Break Women's Study in the Church Library

Thursday ~ June 27

9:00 am – 12n – Sew & Sews in Room 12/13

Friday ~ June 28

9:00am- Library

Saturday ~ June 29

1:00pm–Stamp Class

Sunday ~ June 30

Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching on The Ten Commandments,
Zoey Timmer's Baptism & Reception; Offering is for Christian Education Fund.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, June 23

Children in Worship: Cathy Van Donselaar, Luke Ruter, Jacob Van Donselaar
Nursery Leader: Davinia Lyon, Roger Van den Boogaard, Josh Youngsma, Madisyn Hunt
Camera: Ian Reynolds **Lyrics:** Charlotte Reynolds **Sound:** Bob Reynolds
Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem, Anne Buteyn
Coffee: Van Andels & Karen Waanders

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, June 30

Children in Worship: Lea Gunnett, Isaac Jonker, Adam DeBoer, Owen Vermeer
Nursery Leader: Jessica Cleveland, Evelyn Keyes, Andy VDB, Lilli Vermeer
Camera: Davis Addink **Lyrics:** Aaron Elgersma **Sound:** Logan Posthumus
Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: Lohmann

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. If you would like more information, Elders will be up front to talk with you and pray for you. Sacramental preparation workbooks are available for check-out through the office.*

WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE: Only 4 weeks left to register and pay for the **Sept. 27-29, 2019** retreat in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado.

33 women of all ages, from 16 to 76, have already committed to attending. We hope to see at least 50 of you up there, so if you have been meaning to register, **don't put it off: register today and pay by July 21.**

There will be a **25% surcharge** if you register after July 21. Scholarships are available through July 21; you can request one on your application.

Registration forms are in the foyer or you can sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/XEWVgBQjGTLJPN9N8>.

Contact shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or julie.lamsma@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you Carol Alsum and the Vermeer Family for hosting Senior Moments' June Trip to see the Farm and animals! If you are new to First CRC (in prime ministry life stage): married or single, widowed or divorced, feel welcome, invited and included on our fun, foodie, fellowship excursions...

Contact Sharon Engel: engel8419@live.com or #303.790.4025



Save this Important Date!

Our Long Scraggy Sunday will be held on **August 25th**. This is an opportunity for our entire church family to worship and fellowship together at the beautiful Long Scraggy Ranch. Go to <https://longscraggy.org/> for more details about this location. *We will be worshipping together in the open air chapel at 10 am that morning. Lunch will be served by Council following the service.* You are invited to spend the afternoon visiting, hiking, swimming and fishing! Please join us! Transportation will be provided for those who may need assistance. Look for more details coming soon! Camping is available that weekend as well. Please contact Jon at #303.838.7770 for details and reservation.

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

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

June 23, 2019

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

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome
Processional

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:12-18

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
or with the breadth of His hand marked off the heavens?
Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket,
or weighed the mountains on the scales
and the hills in a balance?
Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,
or instruct the Lord as His counselor?
Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten Him,
and who taught Him the right way?
Who was it that taught Him knowledge,
or showed Him the path of understanding?
Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
He weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.
With whom, then, will you compare God?
To what image will you liken Him?

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

*Litany of Praise (Isaiah 40:21-25)

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
God sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
"To whom will you compare Me?
Or who is My equal?" says our Holy God.

*Songs:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LUYH 579
Santo, santo, Sano, mi Corazon. LUYH 595

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession WSB pg. 98 #35

Leader: 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,

People: 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,

to be generous to those in need.

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

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 40/*Jesus Loves Me* LUYH 709:1-2

Song of Assurance: *Kwake Yesu Nasima* English Only LUYH 708

Offering: General Fund (update)

Offertory Prayer

Word

Children in Worship Sending

Leader: We will love the Lord our God

With all our heart.

With all our soul.

With all our mind.

And with all our strength.

And we will love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Intercession and Gratitude

Reading of Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 35

Question and Answer & A 96

Q. What is God's will for us

in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way make any image of God¹
nor worship Him in any other way

than has been commanded in God's Word.²

¹ Deut. 4:15-19; Isa. 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:22-23

² Lev. 10:1-7; 1 Sam. 15:22-23; John 4:23-24

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-8

Sermon: *A Word is Worth a Thousand Pictures*

Prayer for Application

Song: *Beautiful Savior* LUYH 17

Sending

Sending Litany:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know
Him better.

**Lord God, we wish to see Jesus. By your Spirit's power, give us eyes
to see His glory.**

This is eternal life, that we may know the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom He has sent.

**"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."**

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in
knowledge and depth of insight.

"Let us press on to know the Lord"

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

Blessing

*Postlude

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Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper & Kevin Roberts with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

*Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus for **May** and **June** is 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.*

*In **July** and **August**, we will pray for believers in **Afghanistan**, #2 on the World Watch List! You are invited to add Sanctuary post-able articles, photos and prayers related to Afghanistan. Bring your additions, especially testimonies of God's faithfulness, to the office to be included in the prayer display.*

We ask for God's kind provision, protection, wisdom, guidance and providential care for single parents during times of confusion, despair, conflict and trauma. We seek the Lord's loving wisdom, mercy and grace to come alongside.

We thank God for the sanctity of marriage. We pray now for the grace to forgive one another from the heart, to treat our husbands with deep respect and to love our wives as Christ loves His church.

We praise God for the kinship of believers, and pray for the grace to serve in singleness in a compelling way that draws others to Jesus.

We seek the blessing of God's protection, from illness or accident, over all who are traveling this summer by land, sea and air.

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* 7AM, next mtg. **July 6**. Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Ladies' Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule: June 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 to sew nursing cover-ups, receiving blankets and baby buntings for local hospitals, and clothing for ministry to abandoned infants from Haiti. This year they sewed and delivered 204 articles to Denver babies in need, and 392 items to God's Littlest Angels www.glahaiti.org

Next mtg. is **June 27**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Please note: June 29th card stamping class is meeting as scheduled from 1-3 in rm. 12/13. July Stamp Class will be rescheduled to August 3rd, 1-3pm in rm. 12/13.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Teach Overseas! - Are you a teacher? Have you considered teaching in another country? Resonate Global Mission has several opportunities with partner schools throughout the world! Find your new classroom by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/go.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Family Faith Formation Tip - As you walk in a woods or a park with kids, practice "ambling." Slow down, and look around you. Marvel at God's beautiful creation together. Take a really close look at a flower or a tree. Back home, remember what you saw together and give thanks for the good gift of creation. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Kidscorner.net Ten Commandment resources: A young man is sure that he's never murdered anyone, but he needs some help figuring out the sixth commandment on this episode of Kids Corner. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. *Download KC's 10 Commandments Bookmark to help with your Bible reading and daily devotions.*

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Our next host week for Family Promise is July 21-28 and we need everyone's help! If you are willing to help host for an evening or overnight, please contact Melanie: melanie.jonker@gmail.com. If you are willing to help with a meal, please contact Jill: jill.schreurs@gmail.com. If you are willing to help with set up or take down and clean up, please contact Mary: marylanser@gmail.com. For any other questions, please contact Bret Lamsma or Shirley VanHeukelem. We are looking forward to another great hosting week!