

Church Calendar for the week of: March 12th, 2017

Daylight Savings Time Begins...

Sunday ~ March 12: Pastor Joel Preaching: King David Series, Sunday School

Anneke van Vliet Baptism, Offering is for the General Fund of First CRC

11:00am: January Series: "Race, Trauma, and the Doctrine of Discovery" Rm. 24

11:00am-12 noon: Mandatory Christian Education Meeting - Emerson House

5:00pm - Youth Group at First CRC - Dinner & Panel on Mental Health Issues

Monday ~ March 13:

9:15am - Prayer For The Persecuted Church

6:30pm - Count Committee in Rm. 24

Tuesday ~ March 14: Classis In Fort Collins

11:30pm - Staff Lunch Meeting off-site

7:00pm - Deacon's Meeting

7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings Bible Study at Emerson House

Wednesday ~ March 15: Family PM GEMS lead Worship Meal: Waanders/Bol

7:30am - Men's Morning Huddle in Emerson House

5:45pm - Family Night Meal; Club 68! Family PM Nursery: Nancy Wannders

Thursday ~ March 16:

9:00am - Sew & Sews sewing Group in Rooms 12/13

Friday ~ March 17: Saint Patrick's Day

9:00am - Library Ladies

Saturday ~ March 18:

7:00am - Men's Bible Study

10:00am - 12:00pm - Dance Rehearsal

11:30am - Memorial For Jana Monroe's mother, Louise K. Larson

1:00pm - 3:00pm - Stamp Class - Location TBD

Name Tags and Lord's Supper Sunday, March 19th. Grow Groups up/in.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, March 12th

Nursery: Kelsie Ruter, Bryan Posthumus, Eli Vermeer, Cristin Buys, Bode Blohm

Education Hour Nursery: Shirley Van Heukelem (sub for Jill N.)

CIW: A Father's Wish, Jill Schreurs, Katherine Elgersma, Hayden Posthumus

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans, Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Sanders/Van Heukelem

DVD Delivery: Grow Group 3

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, March 19th

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Troy Newcombe, Beth George, Paige Cady,

Adam DeBoer

CIW: Just Believe! Kelsie Ruter, AdamDeBoer, Chloe Hansum

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric DenBraber, Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Vermeer Family

DVD Delivery: Grow Group 3 Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 3

Welcome to all of our visitors and guests! Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Elders up front will be honored to pray. Coffee and tea are ready for you in the Foyer, along with refreshments provided by the van Vliet family to celebrate Anneke's baptism today! We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday, and all baptized believers, who place their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-Free wafers will be made available.

Grow Group Pot Luck Locations and Facilitators: March 19, 2017

GG #1 Berghuis/Bol: Newcombe's Home - 2158 S. Clarkson 80210

GG #2 Waanders/Lighthiser: TBD

GG #3 DenBraber/Buteyn: DenBraber's home - 7337 S. Platte Canyon Road

GG #4 Schmitt/VandenBoogaard - Pit stop Garage

GG #5 DeHaan/Van Andel - First CRC Rooms 12/13

GG #6 Schans/Nibbelink - Fellowship Hall

New Information About Eagle Lakes Camp

The location is the same -

Hope Community Church, 1801 S. Logan St., Denver

The dates are still **June 12-16, 2017**

The price is still **\$79**. So what's new?

Scholarships - If you need financial assistance to attend Eagle Lake Camps, there are scholarship applications available in the back of church.

Volunteers Needed - a complete list of volunteers needed and how to **sign up online** is available in the back of church - Host Families, High School Crew members, Check-in and Check-out Volunteers, a Lunch Team to provide lunch for the staff members, a Certified Nurse, Paramedic or EMT Questions? Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrcdenver.org

Opportunities To Serve:

Save the date! Platt Park Children's Center Silent Auction is April 28. More information coming. PPCC looking to replenish our substitute teacher list for this school year and will be adding to our teaching staff next school year. If you love to work with young children and have experience/early childhood education call [303-282-7722](tel:303-282-7722) or email plattppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com for more information. Thank you!

We would like to offer a Women's Retreat this fall, but in order to make that happen, we will need a team of about 4 women to plan and implement the details. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem (shirley@firstcrcdenver.org) if you are interested in being a part of this team.

Learn more about JAMLAC's efforts to serve our community:

"I wish I knew about immigration and how I can help" If this thought has crossed your mind over the past couple of months, please join us! You'll hear from professionals who will share a legal overview of immigration, the new reality of U.S. immigration policy and potential affects for our community:

Learn about immigration, current changes, and how we talk about it.

Hear stories about barriers immigrants are experiencing.

Support services for immigrants at **JAMLAC**

For more information, please email Marlene at mbedoya@milehighmin.org.

Thursday, April 6th | 7:30-9:00AM
(Breakfast Provided)

Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic
913 N. Wyandot | Denver, CO 80204

The Table: Annual St. Patty's Eve Pea Planting Party

In honor of the annual St. Patrick's Day tradition, The Table community will be planting peas together next Thursday, March 16. This year's pea patch (and planting party) will be located at 1790 S. Corona St. We will plant peas there from 5 to 5:45 PM and then celebrate the green in all of us with an assortment of green food and green drinks at our house, 1719 S. Emerson St. The pea planting is open to all ages; some drinks will be better suited for adults (21+) and others will be better suited for all ages. The food will just simply be delicious. Please [RSVP on our Meetup page here](#)...and don't forget to wear green!

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street
Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org #303.733.4936



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

Order of Worship Gathering ~ March 12th, 2017

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Processional

Call to Worship

We come to worship the Lord, who is the spring of living water Jer. 2:13

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

Let anyone who is thirsty come to Him and drink. John 7:37

Out of our hearts will flow rivers of living water. John 7:38

*Song: *Come Away From Rush And Hurry*

*God's Provision

Our God says to us, "I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants" Isaiah 44:3

God will meet all our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

Praise the Lord and forget not all His benefits

He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases

He will sprinkle clean water on us, and we shall be clean from all our impurities Ezekiel 36:25

He will put His Spirit in us, removing our heart of stone and giving us a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

*Song: *What the Lord Has Done In Me* LUYH 800

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Baptism of Anneke van Vliet

God's Invitation and Promises Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 66, 69-70,74

And what is God's gospel promise?

To forgive our sins and give us eternal life

by grace alone, because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

In this way:

Christ instituted the outward washing

and with it gave the promise that,

as surely as water washes away dirt from the body,

so certainly His blood and His Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in His sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.

Should infants too be baptized?

Yes. Infants as well as adults are in God's covenant and are His people. They, no less than adults, are promised the forgiveness of sins through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the mark of the covenant, infants should be received into the Christian church and marked as members of God's family. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism

Welcome:

We now receive Anneke into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love her And to assist her in becoming Christ's faithful disciple.
With joy and thanksgiving, We now welcome Anneke into Christ's church; For we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, support, and pray for her, And to help her know and follow Christ.

Intercessory Prayer

Presentation Song: *Come Thou Fount* LUYH 521

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

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: 2 Samuel 11 and Samuel 12: 1-14 pg. 309

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "*The Cover Up*" Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Out of the Depths I Cry To You* LUYH 655

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: *Beneath the Waters* (I Will Rise)

Sending

*Sending Song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross* LUYH 175, 176

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Musicians: First Church Band and Accompanist Christy Bol

Prayer and Care for God's People

Please pray for Carol Ackerman, having surgery on March 17th, with an overnight hospital stay, and for Walt as he cares for her during recovery. Continued prayer for health and well-being for daughter Betsy, after a procedure earlier this week.

We take a moment to remember the life and ministry of Jason Soodsma, our brother in Christ, who has gone before us. We lift up Karen, Seth, Ariadne and Halle as well as Jason's extended family. We thank God for His faithful provision, protection and loving providence in the lives of each treasured family member.

We remember Henry Klap, on his 80th birthday, and we lift up Betty this week.

We pray for the love of the Father, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to in-dwell, empower and equip a gentleman named Dirk Kolk.

Prayer for Persecuted Believers - Our focus will be on praying for *Christians facing Islamic extremists in Nigeria*. The current situation in Nigeria is one of the most serious humanitarian crises in the world. Please see the Silver Connection Board in the Foyer for a map and specific prayer points. You can **take a phone picture** or **get one of the prayer sheets** from the table near the display.

Groups and Activities:

Youth Group - We will be meeting at church TONIGHT, March 12th for a very important panel discussion on mental health. Please be sure to attend and participate! We will meet from 5 pm - 7 pm, though we may run a little later than 7pm, depending on the depth of discussion. Supper will be provided!

Sunday School opportunity for adults. We will be showing several of the January Series videos during the Sunday School hour for the last 3 weeks of the season - **March 12, April 2 and April 9**. If you missed these when they were shown at Denver Christian School in January, this will be your opportunity to see a few of them. **This Sunday** we will be viewing the January Series lecture by Mark Charles entitled "*Race, Trauma, and the Doctrine of Discovery*" at **11:00 in the Council Room**.

CEP: Christian Education Program informational meetings~

Learn more about the commitment First Church has to Christian Education. Attendance at one of these meetings is *required* to participate in academic year 2017-2018: Sunday, **March 12 or April 9** from 11-11:30am in the Emerson House, or Wednesday, **April 5th from 6:30-7:00pm in the Council room**. To enroll in the Christian Education Program at First CRC, please visit the following site: <http://tiny.cc/cep2017>, Contact cepboard@firstcrcdenver.org for more info.

Invitation to all dancers 6 years of age and older. If you would like to dance for the Lent and Easter season, please find the dates and time of rehearsals on the church calendar. Next rehearsal is Saturday, March 18th at 10 AM. Contact Jessica Benson with questions. [303-912-5517](tel:303-912-5517) or crazybout2kids@gmail.com
Dance Rehearsals:
Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 10 AM to 12 PM – Pit Stop
Monday, March 27, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM - Sanctuary

Senior Moments:

Reminder, to sign up for **Tuesday, March 21st** game day event. Coffee time at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at The Duffyroll Cafe'. See flyer in the foyer for more details. Questions: Betty Klap [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251)

Requested Announcements:

Please join Youth for Christ on a "See the Story" tour of the Mt. View Youth Services Campus: **Please note Date Change ~**

*I got an update from Mt View juvenile detention that they cannot do a tour next Tues March 14th due to a special training. They CAN do a tour on **Tues, March 21st from 6:30pm - 8pm**. So, please let me know if you can make this **NEW** date for the tour of ministry at Mt View. Sorry for the change but this happens sometimes working with State facilities. Please RSVP to Claire@yfcdenver.org to be approved as a visitor: **Mt. View Youth Svc. Ctr.**~ 7862 W. Mansfield Pkwy Denver, CO 8023*

Prayer Summit 2017, a CRC-sponsored prayer movement, will be held the end of this month, March 27-29, 2017, at Ttokamsa Mission Church in Los Angeles, CA. For more information go to www.JoinPrayerSummit.org or pick up a post card in the back of church.

An Invitation - to join Bethany Christian Services for the musical performance of "*The Robber Bridegroom*" on **April 11, 2017; 7:30pm**. It will be at the Town Hall Arts Center located at 2450 W. Main Street, Littleton, CO 80120. Please logon to our website to reserve your tickets. Tickets are free but we require an RSVP at www.bethany.org/colorado and go under the 'Events' tab. There will be an opportunity to give to Bethany's ministry at the performance. If you have questions, please call the office at [303-221-0734](tel:303-221-0734) or email jhodapp@bethany.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Come with Living Water International (LWI) to drill a clean water well in a community in northeast Honduras. Families here have struggled without the basic things you and I take for granted. In many cases the only source of water is the river where animals wade and mothers wash the family clothes. We are forming a drill/hygiene team to drill a well **Nov. 4-11, 2017**.

The cost is \$2000 per team member, which includes travel, food and lodging. Your **commitment** to join the team should be made by **May 4**. Another team from the Oakwood Christian Reformed Church of Belding, MI will partner with the team from Denver. They are also sponsoring the cost of this well. If you are interested in joining the team, please email me at awassenaar@cox.net or Kim Rathgeber at kim@water.cc
~ Al Wassenaar