

Church Calendar

Sunday – November 18th is GROW GROUP Sunday

4-6pm – Club 68 for Middle School

5-7pm - Youth Group

Monday ~ November 19th

Tuesday ~ November 20th

No Staff Meeting, rm. 21

6:30pm – Council Meeting

Wednesday ~ November 21st

7:30am – Men's Bible Study in the Emerson House

6:45pm – Beloved of God Yoga

Thanksgiving Day ~ November 22nd

9:30am Worship

GEMS Bake Sale after service

Friday ~ November 23rd

9:30am-11:30am - Library is staffed for your assistance.

Saturday ~ November 24th

7:00am Men's Morning Bible Study

9-12pm Global Bazaar Baking Day

Sunday ~ November 25th General Fund

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 18th:

Children in Worship: Jill Schreurs, Laurie Sanderson, Elianah Reynolds, Logan P.

Nursery: Davinia Lyon, Paul DeBoer, Bode Blohm, Mieke Waanders

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

Prayer Ministry Elder: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Schans /Van Andel

Thanksgiving Service: November 22nd

Children in Worship: Leader: **TBD** Youth Helper: Sam Lamsma

Camera: **TBD** **Lyrics:** Dan Addink, **sound:** Logan Posthumus

Nursery: Becky van Vliet, Jon Waanders, Ashleigh Bol, Seth Soodsma

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 25th:

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Jessica Cleveland,

Jacob Van Donselaar, Ari Waanders

Nursery: Cristin Buys, Kyle Van Andel, Lea Gunnett, Owen Vermeer

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Gabe Zoetewey **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Buteyn

Elevator: Our elevator is back in service! Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks.

Newcomers, guests and visitors: Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey. Today is our Grow Group Sunday, so there will be pot-luck style fellowship meal gatherings in the basement. Visitors and guests are always welcome! We'll have plenty of food and drinks for all.

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

Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas:

November 22nd ~ 9:30am Worship Service with GEMS
Bake Sale immediately following downstairs.

December 1st ~ Global Bazaar – Fair Trade Market

December 11th ~ Senior Moments Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall from 11:30am

December 2, 9 & 16th,

~ Advent Series: on the **Book of Ruth** and *Live It Out* Activities for all! Sign up TODAY so we have enough supplies for everyone.

Christmas Day Service at 9:30am

Coming in December - Live It Out!

For Advent this year we are offering intergenerational activities during our Sunday School hour that will allow us to put our faith into action. We have six options for you to choose from:

1. Intergenerational choir and possibly orchestra
2. Visual arts for the sanctuary using the Advent theme from Ruth
3. Readers theater based on the book of Ruth
4. Christmas cookies for the home-bound
5. Wish List and/or Move-in Packets for Family Promise
6. Ornament craft on the Advent theme from the book of Ruth

These groups will meet for **3 weeks, Dec. 2, 9, & 16**. Everyone - from 3 to 103 - is encouraged to sign up on the sheets available in the back of church. **Deadline for sign up is Nov. 18.** *Note: some of the options have size limits, so if one of these sounds especially good to you, sign up early!*

Global Bazaar Update:

- Save the date - **Saturday, December 1, 9am to 2pm**
- The next baking day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24th**. Sign up in the back of church.
- We are still **accepting applications** for vendors at the 10th annual Global Bazaar on Saturday, December 1. If you or someone you know is interested in selling a fair trade and/or quality item at the Bazaar, please contact Carol Willis (carolwillis80631@msn.com)
- **GLOBAL BAZAAR volunteer sign-up in back of church.**



Grow Group Sunday
Sunday November 18th, 2018

First Christian Reformed Church

A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives, and Humbly embracing the hurting.

Work as Worship

Prelude and Processional

Welcome and Introduction

*Song: *Earth and All Stars*, LUYH 271:1,2,4,5

Testimonies: Russ Den Braber & Nick Vander Ark

Prayer:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, You declare Your glory and show forth Your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work You give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of Him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Songs:

All is Done for the Glory of God LUYH 273: 1-4

How Great is Our God LUYH 574

How Great Thou Art LUYH 553

When Work Goes Wrong

Testimony: Larry Young

Prayers of Lament and Intercession

Words of Assurance: Based on Matthew 5:3-6 and Luke 6: 20-21

“Beatitudes for Workers”

Lisa Blessed are you poor who have no work or too little income.

Jeremy God has promised: yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Lisa Blessed are you who are hungry--for purpose, for dignity, for daily bread.

Jeremy God has promised: you shall be filled.

Lisa Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job, or your children’s lack of opportunities.

Jeremy God has promised: you shall be comforted.

Lisa Blessed are you who are merciful.

Jeremy God has promised: you shall receive mercy.

Lisa Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

Jeremy God has promised: you shall be filled.

*Song of Assurance: *You are Mine* LUYH 430

Wisdom for the Workplace

Song: *Order My Steps* LUYH 758

Testimonies: Carol Kats and Charys Youngsma

Spoken and Sung Prayers for Guidance: *Order My Steps*, LUYH 758

How can a person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to Your word.

I seek You with all my heart;

do not let me stray from Your commands.

I have hidden Your word in my heart

that I might not sin against You.

Praise be to You, Lord;

teach me Your decrees.

Sing Refrain

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from Your mouth.

I rejoice in following Your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on Your precepts

and consider Your ways.

I delight in Your decrees;

I will not neglect Your word.

Work as Witness

Offertory Prayer

Testimony: Julie Lamsma

Sending

*Song: *Mighty To Save* LUYH 611

*Blessing

*Postlude:

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band & Brass

Accompanist: Christy Bol

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus will be for the country of Pakistan during November and December. Please look for a prayer sheet by the silver message board with strategic prayer requests and links to more information.

➤ We ask for safe travel for those coming and going to Thanksgiving celebrations, in and out of state.

➤ We pray for those having their Thanksgiving meal in solitude.

➤ We thank God for the church family and community we are so grateful to be a part of.

➤ The Drill/Hygiene Team from First Church was successful in completing the installation of a clean water well and hand pump in Nuevo San Juan, Honduras. This community had not been able to obtain clean water consistently for the past year. Most of the drilling operation was completed by the five young men on the team under the direction of the LWI supervisor. The community was very appreciative of the work and the pump. *Prayers for safety and good health were answered for everyone involved. Thank you for your support.*

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Club 68 will be meeting Sunday night, November 18th, from **4-6**. We will be doing some yard work for a member of our congregation, so please dress for the activity, bring a rake and/or shovel and gloves.

Our High School Youth Group is meeting Sunday night to prepare the Thanksgiving baskets for our deacons. We will meet at church from **5-7**.

GEMS Annual Bake Sale is Thanksgiving Day! Please consider baking and donating deserts to help support the GEMS organization, Esther School and our local club. See the flyer in your mailbox for more details. Please know there is very limited space in our freezer and refrigerator if you bring items early. If you have any questions please contact julie.lamsma@gmail.com.

Men’s Morning Small Group meets **Wednesday mornings at 7:30am** in Emerson House next door, and a **Men’s Bible study** meets every other Saturday (next mtg. is **11/24**) at **7am** in rm. 21.

Ladies Coffee Break meets Wednesday evenings for Bible Study, (on Break 11/21) for prayer and fellowship in the Emerson House next to church. **Ladies Morning Bible Study** meets every other Wednesday for Bible study and prayer support (next meeting is 11/21).

Beloved of God Yoga class will be meeting every Wednesday Night at **6:45pm** in Room 12/13, except for Family Night (when we will meet in the Fellowship room after meal time). Pamela Hansum is the contact person: dphansum@q.com if you have any questions.

Platt Park Children’s Center With grateful hearts we say a big thank you for the offering received for Platt Park Children’s Center. Your continued support blesses so many children in our community! Work on your Christmas list while supporting a great preschool! Join the Platt Park Children’s Center Book Fair at the Barnes and Noble on Colorado Blvd on **Monday, December 3**. Look for a flyer with details and a voucher in your box soon. Thank you. ~ *Cheryl Schmitt*

Grow Group Meal Locations Sunday, November 18:

Grow group gatherings are pot-luck meals for everyone, where we share God’s Word, prayer and fellowship. If you are new to First Church; feel welcome to join the group meeting in the church basement. We’ll have plenty of food for all!

GG1: Ritsema/Buys: Newcombe’s; 2158 S. Clarkson, Denver 80210

GG2: Waanders/Timmer: Church Basement or pit stop garage.

GG3: Van Heukelem/Natelborg: 2319 S. Columbine, Denver 80210

GG4: Buteyn/VDB: Youngsma’s - 8046 S. Logan Ct., Centennial 80122

GG5: DeHaan/Posthumus: DeHaan’s – 8028 S. Ammons Ct., Littleton 80128

GG6: Cady/Nibbelink: Schreurs’: 4632 West Oxford Ave. Denver, 80236

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Deforestation is a serious, present-day issue affecting the people and the environment of Haiti. This community-driven initiative combats deforestation by education and action. The project educates the community on the dangers of slash-and-burn farming, and the importance of protecting/planting trees and other vegetation. The project reduces food insecurity and provides income for families by growing fruit trees and vegetables in community gardens.

Dates: January 26 - February 4, 2019 Interested in participating? Contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Youth Group will be purchasing food and assembling bags for delivery. Thanksgiving cards from our card-stamping group will be included. Bags will be ready for you to deliver on Monday, November 19th.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Sunday, December 16th at 12:30pm, Southern Gables Church

Wreath of Light provides Bibles & Christmas presents to kids in jail. You can help by donating funds for the over 1,000 young people in our city who will spend Christmas apart from their families. Contact: Claire Froehlich, Chaplain with YFC <https://dayfc.givingfuel.com/wreath> \$25 buys one gift bag and Bible) Help us pack 140 gift bags for the kids at *Mt. View Youth Services Center* (located behind Southern Gables) and learn some of the reason kids get locked up.

Count Committee Update: 11/4 & 11/11

Council of First CRC is grateful for your faithful generosity.

General Fund	\$33,327.01
World Renew/World Huger	2,952.00
Benevolence	150.00