

Church Calendar for week of: November 19, 2017

Sunday ~ November 19 – Pastor Joel is leading; offering is for General Fund.
11:30-1:30 Grow Groups meeting at various locations. No Sunday School.
Monday ~ November 20: Church office is closed
Tuesday ~ November 21
Wednesday ~ November 22
7:00am – Men’s Huddle in Emerson
Thursday ~ November 23
9:30am – **Thanksgiving Day Service with Nursery & GEMS Bake Sale**
Friday ~ November 24 – No Scheduled activities; Church office is closed.
Saturday ~ November 25 –
7:00am – **Room 21** – Men’s Morning Bible Study
9:00am ~ *Banket* Baking in Kitchen
Sunday ~ November 26 – **Sunday School on Fall Break**
No Family Night 11/29. Next Family Night 12/6!

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, November 19th

Nursery: Christine Nibbelink, Julie Lamsma, Marissa Bol, Jacob Van Donselaar
CIW: *A Queen and Her People* Eileen Ruter, Luke Ruter, Aaron Elgersma & Elle Reynolds
Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan
Coffee: Schans & Van Andel

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, November 26th

Nursery: To Be Determined
CIW: *On Fall Break*
Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem
Coffee: Buteyn

Warm Greetings to our visitors. We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. Elders are available up front to answer questions and pray. Coffee, Tea and fellowship are served in the foyer! We have Grow Groups today after church, and you are invited to come downstairs (Rm 12/13) for a Pot-luck! Plenty of food for all to share, so please be our guests. Due to Thanksgiving festivities and family travel schedules, we have decided to post-poner the Newcomer Welcome lunch until after the holidays.

Grow Group NEWS:

November 19th, will be our Grow Group gathering (intergenerational learning times with a shared meal). *If you are visiting, and would like to see what Grow Groups are all about, please visit the Grow Group meeting downstairs in Rooms 12 & 13.*

Locations of Grow Group Meals TODAY, immediately following service:

- GG #1:** Berghuis/VanderArk at Newcombe’s: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210
 - GG #2:** Waanders/Timmer at Jonker’s: 3690 East Dartmouth Ave. 80210
 - GG #3:** Van Heukelem/Buteyn at Van Heukelem’s: 2319 S. Columbine St., Denver 80210
 - GG #4:** A. Buteyn/VandenBoogaard at Lamsma’s: 13255 W. Warren Cir. Lakewood, CO 80228
 - GG #5:** DeHaan/Beth Posthumus: Church Basement – Rooms 12/13
 - GG #6:** Schans/Nibbelink at Jeremy Waanders’ Home: 4175 S. Sidney Court, Denver, 80237
- Please mark these 2018 Grow Group Gatherings on your calendars:*
January 7th, February 11th, March 25th
May 8th - All Church Picnic Celebration



The First CRC Council recently voted to call **Hope Lee** to ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. Hope is a recent graduate of Denver Seminary who was examined and approved for ordained ministry during the October meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain. She will continue to serve as the **pastor of New Gate Church** (an emerging congregation in the CRCNA). New Gate Church, located in Aurora at 3350 S. Winston St., Aurora, CO.

May the Lord continue to pour out His love through Hope and New Gate Church, so many will be drawn to life with Jesus!

Worshiping Together Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas:

- **November 19th** week– Grow Groups meet, & youth prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for delivery this week. *Banket* and stamped cards will be delivered to shut-ins.
- **November 23rd** **Thanksgiving Service at 9:30am with Nursery**
 GEMS Bake sale immediately following in Fellowship Hall
- **November 25th** – *Banket & Pigs* Baking for Global Bazaar
- **December 2-** 9-3pm. Global Bazaar vendors and fun for all
- **December 3rd** – Sunday School resumes
- **December 5th** – Women’s Holiday Event *Save the Date*
- **December 6th** – 5:45pm Family Night Meal & Activities
- **December 12th** – 9:00am Senior Moment’s Christmas Party
- **December 17th** – 5:00pm Christmas Party for Youth Group
- **December 20th** - 5:45pm Family Night: Gift bags for YFC kids
- **December 24th** – **Advent worship at 9:30am** & **4:30pm Christmas Eve Service with Nursery**
- **December 25th** - Christmas Day- no service

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 Rebecca J. Schaefer: Communications & Admin. ext. 102



**Order of Worship
 November 19, 2017 ~**

Gathering

- Prelude
- Processional
- Welcome

Scripture Alone

- *Song: *Stand on the Rock*
- Song Introduction
- *Song: *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Grace Alone

- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- Song of Confession: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* LUYH 521

Faith Alone

- Song Introduction
- *Song: *By Faith*
- Song Introduction
- Song: *Alleluiah He Is Coming*

Christ Alone

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: "I Want To Be Like Jesus"

Song Introduction

Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Song Introduction

Song: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* LUYH 897

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song Introduction

*Song: *Christ is Enough*

Glory to God Alone

Song Introduction

*Sending:

We go from this place to glorify God with our lives.
**Our Father is glorified when we bear much fruit
and prove to be disciples of Jesus.**
Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
**Let our light shine before others,
so that they may see our good works
and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.**

*Song: *10,000 Reasons*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Accompanist Christy Bol with First CRC Band and choir

Count Committee Report: 11/5 & 11/12

Council appreciates your faithful tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$24,010.00

World Renew/World Hunger: \$399.00

The anticipated offering in accordance with our 2017/2018 Budget is \$15,451.64 for one week, or \$30,903.28 for a two-week count.

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Our November/December Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers is on a country which has one of the fastest-growing evangelical churches in the world. What is that country which despite relentless, extreme persecution continues to grow? The surprising answer is: **IRAN**. Please see the silver connection board in the foyer and the accompanying prayer sheets for how we can praise God for His amazing work in Iran, and for specific ways we can pray for our ever increasing number of fellow believers there.

Long term members of our family at First, **Jack and Jean Allen**, are celebrating their **70th wedding anniversary** on **Nov 27**. We invite the congregation to join in their celebration and send them a card or an email: Their address is 650 S Decatur and email is: fishermanjea@aol.com They have been very blessed to have reached this milestone!

Judy DenBraber learned recently that one of the bone cancer lesions on her spine is active again. It is causing her lower back pain. She is receiving radiation to that area of her back each weekday through November 21. Treatment comes with unpleasant side effects. Please pray treatments will be effective with minimal side effects. ~ *Russ & Judy DenBraber*

Current Events & Activities:

Women's "Silent" (wink) Night Out – 7-9pm Tuesday, December 5th, special invitations are in your mailbox! Sign up at the Angel table in the foyer, so we know how many craft supplies and desserts to have on hand.

The Rocks you are finding around church are reminders of the *5 Solas*, compliments of our Magnify kid's group!

The 2017 FIRST CRC Global Bazaar Updates & opportunities:

"Do small things with great love." Mother Teresa's quote is our 2017 Global Bazaar theme this year. We invite you to do a small thing or two to enable people in developing communities to make a sustainable living.

1. On **Saturday, December 2, from 9am to 3pm, come shopping** in our church basement for a unique array of fair trade and local gifts and food that you will not find in the malls or toy stores.
2. **Invite your friends and neighbors** to join you at the bazaar - informational flyers are in your boxes, to give away or post in your neighborhoods.
3. Check out our **website** for a list of vendors this year - firstcrcdenver.org.
4. **Volunteer** to help us at the bazaar: help with set-up or clean up, staff a booth, be a greeter, help prepare food items the morning of Nov. 25, etc. - look for sign up sheets in the foyer.

Story Bags Need Refreshing

Remember the "Story Bags" we used to hand out to occupy youngsters during the service? We still have them, but they need to be refreshed. See the display behind the Library, and let the office know which bag you would like to take responsibility for. Help us welcome little children new to First during the upcoming holiday season.

Opportunities to Help and Serve:

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving food bags will be ready for pick-up and delivery anytime after 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, November 19. All items are non-perishable and unrefrigerated and will be in labeled bags on the counter in the church kitchen. Thank you to all who nominated and to the First CRC Youth Group for putting these together!

Thanksgiving Offering The deacons encourage you to prayerfully consider giving to one of the organizations listed below. Checks can be made out to First CRC with the name of the organization in the memo line.

- **First CRC General Fund** supports the ministries, staff and upkeep of First CRC as well as the administration and ministries of the Christian Reformed denomination.
- **First CRC Benevolence** is used to extend God's grace and mercy in a financial manner to people connected with our church who are in need.
- **First CRC Mission Partnerships** include several agencies and people within the greater Denver area and around the world that minister to specific needs. Our mission partners are Cascade of Hope/Victor and Sandra Perez, Denver Area Youth for Christ Juvenile Justice Ministry/Claire Froelich, The Table/Craig and Jeanine Broek, En Gedi Children's Home/Margaret Njuguna, Nicaragua Christian Academy/Liam and Jessica Starkenburg, and Mission Partners in China/Jonathan and Marian Cady.
- **Brothers Redevelopment** provides safe, affordable, accessible housing and housing services for Colorado's low-income, elderly and disabled residents. First CRC has partnered with Brothers on many Paint-A-Thon projects. www.brothersredevelopment.org
- **Long Scraggy Mountain Ranch** is a front-range CRC-Youth-Groups-owned facility near Pine, CO that "provides grounds, buildings, and every kind of means and facilities for Christian fellowship and for the promotion of Christian character and service through spiritual, mental, societal, and physical training." www.longscraggy.org
- **Sun Valley Youth Center** has been one of our OUT service options this past year. They are committed to giving Denver's poorest neighborhood a hope for the future, with a focus on transforming the lives of at-risk youth in this low-income, public housing neighborhood. www.sunvalleyyouthcenter.org
- **Volunteers in Action (VIA)** is a Denver-based organization that serves the community by providing Christians the opportunity to enhance the lives of others by connecting them with underserved people in one-on-one relationships. www.volunteersinaction.info

Nursery committee needs another person. If you would like to participate, please email christinenibbelink@gmail.com or jill.schreurs@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to be added or removed from the nursery volunteer list, please email jill.schreurs@gmail.com. If you would like to be added, please indicate whether you would like to be a leader or helper.