

Church Calendar for week of: November 26, 2017

Sunday ~ November 26 – Sunday School on Fall Break

No Family Night 11/29. Next Family Night 12/6!

1-4pm Private family event in Fellowship Hall

Monday ~ November 27: Church office is closed

6:30pm Count

Tuesday ~ November 28

1-3pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

6-9pm - Vicar's Training & Mentoring

Wednesday ~ November 29

7:00am – Men's Huddle in Emerson

9:15am -Ladies Morning Bible Study in 12/13

6:30pm - GEMS Craft night in Pit Stop; Coffee Break in Emerson

6:00pm - Global Bazaar Baking night in Kitchen

Thursday ~ November 30

Global Bazaar preparations

Friday ~ December 1

9:30am – Global Bazaar Set-up

Saturday ~ December 2

9-3 - **Global Bazaar**

5-8 - **Youth Group**

Sunday, December 3 – Pastor Joel is Preaching

Sunday School resumes, YG Presentations, Offering is for General Fund

Thank you to all serving This Sunday, November 26th:

CIW: *On Fall Break,*

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: James & Amy Timmer

Thank you to all serving Next Sunday, December 3rd:

CIW: *Three Men in a Fire* Christine Nibbelink, Hannah DeBoer, Wyatt Vermeer & Savannah Blohm

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Vander Ark

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! Due to holiday festivities and family travel schedules, we have decided to post-poner the Newcomer Welcome lunch until after Christmas.

Worshiping Together

Advent and Christmas:

- December 2nd - 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

Sermon Notes:

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Order of Worship

November 26, 2017 ~

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-2

I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart;
before the gods I will sing Your praise.
I will bow down toward Your holy temple
and will praise Your name
for Your unfailing love and Your faithfulness,

*Song: *O Worship the King* LUYH 2

*Song: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: from Isaiah 30:15,18

Prayer of Confession: Daniel 9

O Lord, great God,
all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before You,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways,
for we have rebelled against Your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.
To You belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face.
O Lord, great God,
all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline Your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You.

Forgive us,
not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of Your great mercy.
On the ground of Your great mercy
in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in His name that we pray,
for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will
cleansing you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will
give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from
you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put
my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful
to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your
ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

*Song of Assurance: *Jesus Paid It All*

Offering: Benevolence

*For the emergency financial aid and support of those connected with our
church family.*

Offertory

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Word

Sung Prayer for Illumination: Speak O Lord LUYH 755

Scripture: Micah 1

Sermon

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Even So Come*

Sending

*Sending

*Sending Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Accompanist: Barb Hogan with First CRC Band

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, Denver CO 80219 They have been very blessed to have reached this milestone!

We pray for the family and friends of Roland Buteyn. May the comfort of God's loving presence be evident in the days ahead.

Please pray for Marge Rozendaal's complete healing after a bad fall.

We lift up all who are battling cancer and undergoing treatment. May the Lord heal, protect, provide and guide medical personnel and care teams.

Current Events & Activities:

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. Look for sign up sheets in the foyer.

Women's "Silent" 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.

Family Night in December is on December 6 & 20th! A wonderful, home-cooked meal is served at 5:45pm. At 6:30pm adult classes, children's activities and nursery are provided.

Senior Moments

Mark your calendar, Tuesday, **December 12th** for our annual 10th year Christmas Party. Lots of Fun, Fellowship and Food!! Coffee time at 9:30, held in our church Fellowship room. Bring a yummy treat. Gift exchange, games and sing along. Ending with a tasty catered BBQ meal from Rib City. Please see the flyer for more details. Remember to sign up by Sunday, **December 10th** as we will need a final count for our catered meal. Questions: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or Beth P. [303-947-1085](tel:303-947-1085).

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:

Nursery committee needs another person. If you would like to serve, 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.

First Church is partnering with Claire Froehlich and Youth For Christ again this December to assemble the gift bags for the youths in detention centers around the city. Join us **Wednesday evening** after the Family Night meal on **December 20** for this important way to share with Claire in her ministry.