

Church Calendar for November 27-December 4, 2016

Sunday ~ November 27th: Advent Week 1, Marissa Bol Profession of Faith

Pastor Joel Preaching from Luke 2:1-7, Donuts for a \$1 for YFC

11:00am–Sunday School, Catechism and choir practice; offering for Benevolence.

Monday ~ November 28th

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ November 29th

1:00pm – Staff Meeting

7:15pm - Twenty-Somethings at the Emerson House

Wednesday ~ November 30th: Family Night/GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study in Emerson House

9:30am – Ladies AM Bible Study in Library

5:45pm - Family Night Meal (Keith Bol) FN Nursery (Erin Reynolds)

Thursday ~ December 1

6:30pm – Stephen Ministry

Friday ~ December 2

9:00am – Library Ladies

Global Bazaar set-up throughout the day

Saturday ~ December 3

7:00am – Men's Bible Study – Room 21

9:00am - 3:00pm – Global Bazaar

Welcome to all of our visitors and guests! Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back [for kids to draw on](#), and return for a surprise. Elders are up front for prayer and to answer any questions. Coffee and tea are in the foyer. *The orange Peter fish banks are for collecting change for World Renew. Feel welcome to pick up a fish and free devotional on the back table. Change can be returned to the church.*

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 27th

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Amy Vance, Savannah Blohm, Joel Jonker, Davis Addink

Children in Worship: Advent 1 – Jesus Is Born! Kelsie Ruter, Hannah DeBoer & Adam DeBeor

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Cory Vermeer **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Wyatt Vermeer

Coffee: Buteyn

Lord's Supper Prep & DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 4**

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, December 4th

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Jeremy Waanders, Hayoun Lee, Dan Addink, Mikaila Bol

Children in Worship: Advent 2 – Good News! Nancy W., Aaron Elgersma, Annika DeBoer

Sunday School Nursery: Van Otterloos

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric DenBraber and Nancy Waanders

Sound: Jim DeHaan **Slides:** Micah DeHaan **Video:** Caleb Jonker

Coffee: VanderArk

Lord's Supper Prep & DVD Delivery: **Grow Group 5**



<https://www.coloradogives.org/yfcdenver/overview>

Upcoming Holiday Dates Here at First Church:

Donuts for Bibles: This Sunday, **November 27**, we have the opportunity to support one of our mission partners. We will be selling **donuts for \$1** in the foyer. The money collected will help Claire Froehlich purchase *Action Bibles* for the gift bags for the incarcerated youth she ministers to through Youth For Christ's Juvenile Justice Ministry.

The 8th Annual Global Bazaar: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Sat., **December 3**. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of our Global Bazaar as our church basement and Pit Stop transform into an international fair trade marketplace. Shop for unique international and local items not available in department and big box stores. Enjoy the musical delights of 3 local school choirs. Stop by for a soup lunch and end your time around the fire pit roasting marshmallows for s'mores. Something for everyone!

Package gifts for Clairie's kids in local Youth detention facilities during Family Night: Wednesday, December 14 in the church foyer.

A Lesson in Carols: 6:30pm on Sunday evening, December 18

Christmas Day Worship Service: 9:30am, Sunday, December 25.

Mission Partnership Updates

Table Time Prayers from Craig & Jeanine Broek

- Give thanks to God for a successful growing season that included over 5,500 pounds of vegetables harvested and shared from 22 gardens, and 46 Veggie Bike outings to distribute produce.
- Pray for those who have found a place to belong within the Table Community.
- Pray for the regular gatherings of The Table: Sunday Feast, Bible study, soup night, and Greenhouse (discipleship gathering).
- Give thanks for community partners and growing possibilities.

Hey Adults: Do you have a Key card or Fob for entrance to First Church that you no longer need? Please return keys to the office.

Hey Kids: Help us save the *Connect Cards* (80cents per card) for our visitors and guests! Grab a *Sweet Rewards* bulletin (6 cents per bulletin) for *doodling*; and turn your thoughts and drawings in for a *Sweet Treat!* You'll find the return space labeled *Sweet Rewards* on the bottom (right) of the A-L mailboxes in the foyer.

First Christian Reformed Church

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

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

Order of Worship~ November 27, 2016

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship God!

*Song: *Sing to the King*

*Song: *Come Thou Fount*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Profession of Faith of Marissa Bol

*Congregational Promise

Pastor Joel asks congregation to stand:

Do you promise to continue to love, encourage,
and support Marissa

by teaching the gospel of God's love,

by being examples of Christian faith and character,

and by giving the strong support of God's family in
fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do, God helping us.

*Prayer

Lord, our God,

We thank You for Your Word and Spirit,
through which we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

May Marissa, who confessed Your name today,
never cease to wonder at what You have done for her.

Help her to continue firmly in the faith,

to bear witness to Your love,

and to let the Holy Spirit shape her life.

Take her, good Shepherd, into Your care

that she may loyally endure opposition

she may face as she serve You.

May we, with all Your children,

Live together in the joy and power of Your Holy Spirit.

We ask this, Lord Jesus, in the hope of Your coming. **Amen.**

*Song: *Jesus Messiah*

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Dance Team

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

Delval, Marie-Hélène, and Arno. Psalms for Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2008. Print.

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.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Candle lighting:

Psalm 126:1-2

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in joy,

the joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

*Song: *Joy to the World*

*Blessing

Postlude: Band

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Pianist: Jack Waanders

Musicians: First Church Band

Council News

Council met November 15th and spent a short time celebrating 10 years of ministry at First CRC for Pastor Joel! Please join us in thanking God for blessing our church family with the ministry of Pastor Joel and Jill Schreurs and their lovely family.

Council is also thankful for the congregation's decision to call Rev. Bret Lamsma to the position of Director of Faith Formation. A call letter was sent out last week. If you would like to send Bret a word of encouragement, please note the contact information in California: blamsma@gmail.com, or 1763 Bonnie Ct., Ripon, CA 95366

World Renew's World Hunger Campaign.

Your offerings netted \$935 for World Renew's World Hunger campaign.

Thank you! We continue our support of this campaign to end world hunger; our deacons have a Peter Fish coin bank for every family, along with a devotional book. Please fill the Peter Fish with your loose change or as suggested in the devotional book and return them to church.

Prayer and Care for God's People

On behalf of myself (**Betty Klap**, and our family), we thank each and everyone of our dear family of God for all your prayers and kindness you have given us during Henry's fifteen year's journey of cancer. . He is now at peace with Jesus, and no more pain. He will be missed!! Thank you for meals, visits, and comforting prayers to our family. The power of prayer and having faith is what brought us through this journey. God is so good!!

Marj DeBoer would appreciate your prayers for her as she is having a skin cancer removed from her scalp Wednesday, December 7.

The Deacon's delivered quick breads and cards from the Stamp class this week to all of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ unable to travel to worship at the church. Remember them fondly this blessed Advent season with a card or visit.

Stephen Ministers are available as conduits of HELP, HOPE and HEALING and are specially trained to listen, care, encourage and support others going through a time of grief, loss or change: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org.

First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like **confidential prayer** offered, please send your prayer requests by email to: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org or mddeboer@juno.com

The Prayer Group For Persecuted Believers is encouraging us to focus prayer on one area of the globe: **Our current focus is North Korea.** Please see the silver message board in the foyer for strategic prayer requests. Take a phone picture.

Prayer for protection and provision for the children around the world working to support themselves. May our Lord place the lonely and broken-hearted into healthy families that love, serve and obey Jesus.

First Church Opportunities to Connect and Serve

Attention Musicians: Looking for musicians of all ages who are able to read easy music on their instrument. Brass, woodwinds and strings needed to perform on **December 18. Please respond by today, November 27,** to Kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org to be included in the ensemble.

Senior Moments: Mark your calendar **Tuesday, December 13th** for our annual Christmas Party. Lots of Fun, Fellowship and Food!! Starting with coffee time at 9:30 held in our church fellowship room. Gift exchange game, and sing along. Ending with a tasty BBQ meal. Over 55, you are invited to join us. See flyer for more details. Remember to sign up by Sunday, **December 11th** as we 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).

Please remember these dates for meetings with your Grow Group as the new year approaches: **January 8, February 12, and March 19.**

Locations will be posted in advance. There will always be one group meeting at church for visitors, and those who prefer not to drive. *To keep an intergenerational focus, no Sunday School classes will meet during these Grow Groups meal and learning times. Send in GG photos for the web-site!*

Requested Announcements:

Since 2005 Sea to Sea has been cycling to benefit CRC ministries

breaking the cycle of poverty and sharing good news of Jesus. **The Tour Partner Program allows your church and poverty ministry to directly benefit from the tour.** In past years local ministries were required to submit a grant request, be selected by a grant committee, and were limited in the funds they could receive. The Tour Partner Program removes those limitations. **Sea to Sea** is centered around community, outreach and global impact. People called to this tour are not necessarily athletes or experienced cyclists but those passionate about breaking the cycle of poverty. Riders have the option to tackle the entire tour, or ride in one or two week stages. For more information visit www.seatosea.org

Canto Deo Concerts

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols with Canto Deo Chamber choir, under the Direction of conductor Jonathan Brown, will be this afternoon Sunday, **November 27th at 3:00pm at Bethany** Lutheran Church 4500 East Hampden Avenue 80113.

A Canto Deo Christmas

The Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra presents our well loved Christmas concert. Lift your Christmas worship with familiar and new Sacred music accompanied by full orchestra. Tickets are required for entry (some complimentary tickets are available on line): www.cantodeo.org

Friday, December 16, 2016 7:30 PM

Christ the King Catholic Church
Denver, CO

Sunday, December 18, 2016 3:00 PM

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Highlands Ranch, CO

Monday, December 19, 7:30 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church
Cherry Hills Village, CO