

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ November 4th *Daylight Savings Time ends.*

Pastor Joel Preaching; Offering is for World Renew/World Hunger

2-4pm Dance Rehearsal in Sanctuary

3:45-6 Youth Group

Monday ~ November 5th

Tuesday ~ November 6th

1-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21

Wednesday ~ November 7th ~ Family Night Meal

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

5:45pm - **Family Night Meal** (Anne Buteyn Cooking)

6:30pm - Elder's Meeting in rm 21/GEMS/Cadets/Adult Discussion

Thursday ~ November 8th

9-11am - Sew & Sews

7:00pm - Worship Practice

Friday ~ November 9th

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

7-9pm - *Cricut* Craft machine training in the basement.

Saturday ~ November 10th

7:00am - Men's Bible Study

10:00am - *Circle of Hope* in rm. 21

4-6pm - Dance rehearsal in Sanctuary

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ November 11th

Name Tags Sunday; offering is for the General Fund

5-7pm Club 68

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, November 4th:

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Karen Waanders, Davis Addink, Erica Bol

Nursery: Jessica Cleveland, Savannah Blohm, Marissa Bol, Madisyn Hunt

Camera: Adam DeBoer, **Lyrics:** Aaron Elgersma **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem and Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 11th:

Children in Worship: Davinia Lyon, Eileen Ruter, Charlotte Reynolds and Chloe Hansum

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Tina Van den Boogaard, David Youngsma, Evelyn Keyes

Camera: Matthew Jonker **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elder: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Vermeer Family

Lord's Supper Prep: GG#5

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.

Count Committee Report: 10/21 & 10/28

Your faithful tithes and offerings are making an impact in our church, our neighborhood and around the globe:

General Fund	\$22,573.00
World Renew DRS	60.00
Platt Park CC	756.00
Benevolence	125.00

"Council would like to formally thank the Buteyn family for a Legacy Foundation gift from the estate of our dear friend Roland Buteyn. Roland's sincere kindness, and generosity of spirit, left an unforgettable imprint on so many hearts."

Grow Group Stories at Work:

We are collecting stories for our November 18th Grow Group worship service. The theme of the service will focus on "Verses I Take to Work" and will follow closely on our current sermon series. How does God's word guide you, encourage you, or support you in your daily activities? Please share your stories with us via email (stories@firstcrdenver.org) or talk to a staff member.

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 based 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 3pm**
- The next baking day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24th.** Sign up in the back of church.
- We are still **accepting applications** for our 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)

Missionary Update:

Local ~ The Table ~ Craig & Jeanine

Thank God for seven years of God's goodness through abundant harvest, and fruitful relationships. Thank you for your support of our work here in Denver. We've recently completed another successful gardening season and are grateful to God for the opportunities we had this year to share tangible grace with our community! We are, however, experiencing some uncertainty moving forward as the [attached video link](#) will describe. I invite you to watch, share, and support our work! Please let me know if you have any questions and, as always, we are grateful for your partnership.

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

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Sunday November 4th, 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.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

*Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable His judgments,
and His paths beyond tracing out!**

Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been His counselor?

Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.

To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

*Song: *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* LUYH 579

*Daniel 2:20-22

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;

wisdom and power are His.

He changes times and seasons;

He deposes kings and raises up others.

He gives wisdom to the wise

and knowledge to the discerning.

He reveals deep and hidden things;

He knows what lies in darkness,

and light dwells with Him.

*Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* LUYH 537

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Update on the Status of Persecuted Christians Around the World

Call to Prayer:

The writer of Hebrews instructs us to “Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

Prayer

Song: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* LUYH 905

Offering: World Renew--World Hunger

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision* instrumental

Word

Song: *Love the Lord Your God* by our Sunday School Singers

Children In Worship Dismissal:

Leader: We are God’s family.
We joyfully surrender to Jesus.
We freely share our lives.
We humbly embrace the hurting.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you!**

Scripture: Daniel 1pg. 881

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *A Little Wisdom For Your Work*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God* LUYH 746

Sending

*Sending: Proverbs 2, James 1, Phil 1

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

**if we call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
and if we look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then we will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom generously to all who ask.**

*Sending Song: *Lead Me, Guide Me* LUYH 329

*Blessing

*Postlude: *Lead Me, Guide Me* reprise

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band, accompanist: Christy Bol

Assisting in Worship: Elder Fred Ritsema

This Sunday, November 4, at 4:00PM, we will have a special service of Ordination at Hillcrest Christian Church, for Eric Snyder and for Jonathan Kool of Eastern Hills CRC. We cordially invite members of your church to attend this important event in the life of Eric and Jonathan, and of our Churches. 3000 S Race St, Denver, CO 80210. *Henk DeYoung*

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.

Praise Update: The Pakistani Supreme Court has just ordered the immediate release of Asia Bibi, the Christian woman who has spent over eight years on death row in Pakistan. Asia was arrested and imprisoned in June 2009 and convicted of blasphemy charges and sentenced to death in November 2010. After nine years of ongoing prayer, the 58-year-old mother of five has been freed! We thank You Lord.

- We pray for sustaining grace and encouragement for **Jack and Jean Allen**. We praise God for His continued protection and provision.
- This week a **drill/hygiene team from First Church** is traveling to Honduras, to drill and develop a clean water well in a small community, under the direction of *Living Water International*. Team members are: Joe & Adam Otto, Roger & Andy Van den Boogaard, Jon & Ari Waanders, Jeremy & Sam Waanders, Mark Hamstra & his son Pierce, Carol & Al Wassenaar. First CRC is a sponsor of the well. *We ask for your prayers for safety, health and good relationships with the community we will be serving.*
- Please pray for fresh hope and healing for those struggling with depression and anxiety.
- Happy Birthday to **Danny (35) & Rowan Schaefer (7)**, Rebecca’s son and grandson, both born on November 8th. Please pray for complete healing of health challenges; and the wisdom of God in business ventures.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Our High School Youth Group is meeting today (Sunday) to do some yard work for people in our community. We will be meeting earlier than normal, so please be to **church by 3:45**. We will return to church by 6 for dinner. Please wear old clothes and bring a yard rake or shovel and gloves.

Did you know First CRC has an intergenerational Dance Group, choreographed by mother & daughter, Jessica Benson and Katherine Elgersma? Our liturgical dancers will be **rehearsing this Sunday afternoon, 2-4pm** and **Saturday, November 10th, from 4-6pm**. We look forward to their ministry during Sunday worship, November 11th. If you are interested in being a part of expressing the hope and joy of our Lord through dance, Contact Jessica: crazybout2kids@gmail.com

Learn to use First CRC’s new Cricutmachine. November 9th

First CRC Basement 7-9 pm. No need to bring anything but your ideas!

We will take you start to finish from downloading an image, making it into a cut file and then cutting it on the Cricut. The cut outs can be done on paper, vinyl, or even iron on vinyl. We’ll focus on making a vinyl stencil that can then be used to paint a sign for your home. Please RSVP to annrajewski@gmail.com so that we can make sure there are enough supplies for everyone.

Senior Moments: Reminder, need to **sign up by Sunday, November 11th** for the Tuesday IMAX trip. We plan to leave church at 10 a.m. The show begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch after the 3-D film at TREX. Your choice, your tab. For details, please see the flyer. Questions. Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085

Our GEMS girls club is making soup, cookie, hot chocolate, and chai tea jars to sell at the Global Bazaar and we are looking for some food donations. Please sign up in back of church. **We need the supplies by November 11 for assembly**. If you have any questions please contact Julie Lamsma: Julie.lamsma@gmail.com

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential will planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. Jim will be meeting with families in our area **Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Friday, Nov. 9**. Simply call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 (Ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Jim.

Thanksgiving Food Bags: If you know someone who is in need of a bag filled with Thanksgiving Food, please contact: connections@firstcrcdenver.org by **Sunday, November 18th**. Youth Group will be purchasing food and assembling bags for you to deliver. Bags will be assembled, with Thanksgiving cards from our card stamping group, ready for you to deliver on Monday, November 19th.

Men’s Morning Small Group meets every **Wednesday morning at 7am** in Emerson House next door, and a **Men’s Bible study** meets every other Saturday (next mtg. is **11/10**) at **7am** in rm. 21.

Ladies Coffee Break meets every Wednesday evening for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship in the Emerson House next to church. **Ladies Morning Bible Study** meets every other Wednesday for Bible study and prayer support.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Do you have a special prompting to pray for persecuted believers around the globe? When you learn of persecution, do you feel led to DO something, yet powerless to help? We are seeking a volunteer *Prayer Advocate* to choose a geographical area for focused prayer every two months, and educate us as a congregation on strategic prayer points. Office staff is available to help create prayer sheets and implement your ideas! Please contact Rebecca at the office #303.766.4936, or rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Our Regional representative and CRC Advocate attended a *Classis* seminar on **engaging senior adults** in meaningful ways. At First CRC, we know seniors are very engaged in Sunday am worship, Wednesday nights, and in addition serving all over the city and beyond. We are trying to gather information regarding ways senior saints are worshipping, ministering and serving. Basically, how are you freely sharing your lives, and what are your individual needs within our worshipping community? In what ways is our church serving you? Please call the office or send an email to connections@firstcrcdenver.org

We are looking for Music students of all ages, to play during prelude, postlude, or during the offertory. Pianists, or other instrumentalists can contribute. We will find an accompanist if you need one, and can help you find an arrangement. Contact kylecoper@firstcrcdenver.org

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Circle of Hope meets on Saturday, November 10 at **10:00am** in room 21to offer on-going encouragement to those providing support and care to loved ones navigating varied forms of mental illness. Contact Cathy for more information: czoetewey@comcast.net