

Church Calendar for week of: November 5, 2017

The Sola System Series: Sola Christo continues; offering is for General Fund.

11-12noon - -Sunday School & Catechism classes

11-12noon Crown Financial Class in Fellowship Hall.

5-7pm - Ignite guests here for YG worship in Sanctuary

Monday ~ November 6: Church office is closed

Tuesday ~ November 7

1:00pm - Staff Meeting in Room 21

Wednesday ~ November 8

7:00am - Men's Huddle in Emerson

6:30pm - Coffee Break Women's Bible Study in Emerson/GEMS/Cadets

Thursday ~ November 9

9:00am - Sew & Sews in Rooms 12/13

6-8pm - Holy Yoga and Bible Study

Friday ~ November 10 - Veteran's Day

9:00am -11:00pm: Library Ladies

Saturday ~ November 11

7:00am - Men's Bible Study

10:00am - Circle of Hope: *for families supporting loved ones with mental illness*

Sunday, November 12th

Pastor Bret Lamsma preaching; Offering for World Renew/World Hunger

11:00am - Sunday School & Catechism classes

5-7pm - Club 68

Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, November 5

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Davis Addink, Mieke Waanders

CIW: *Fire From Heaven* Kelsie Ruter, Kathy Ritsema, Ali Schroder, & Charlotte Reynolds

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cyndi Berghuis & Cal Van Heukelem

Coffee: Engelsman/Jonker

Lord's Supper Prep: Grow Group 5

Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, November 12

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Ashleigh Bol, Cadance Vance

CIW: *The Seven Times Miracle* Jill Schreurs, Josh Youngsma, Adam DeBoer, Lilli Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Nancy Waanders and Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Vermeer Family

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 served in the foyer! If you place your *faith in Christ alone* for salvation, please feel welcome to celebrate communion.

Missions Moments:

Purses With A Purpose: Youth For Christ Fundraiser

November 12, 2017 ~ 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Valley Country Club in Centennial, CO

Claire Froelich, Denver area YFC Chaplain, would like to invite her church family to Youth For Christ's next "*See the Story*" event will be **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

Ridge View Youth Services Center | 28101 East Quincy Ave | Watkins, CO 80137 | Click [here](#) for map, e-mail [Gareth Unruh](#) with additional questions.

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Denver Christian School Open Houses:

Tuesday, Nov. 29 - 6:30P Educational Overview Preschool-High School

All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Food Bags

If you know someone who is in need of a bag filled with Thanksgiving food, please contact Maria Buteyn, maria@firstcrcdenver.org or 303-877-6275, by **Sunday, November 12.** The 1st CRC youth group will be purchasing food and assembling bags on the 19th, and the bags will be available for pickup from the church kitchen on Monday the 20th.

DRS Hurricane Relief Offering Update

The deacons of 1st CRC would like to **thank you for your incredible generosity.** The offering we took for hurricane relief on October 1st raised a total of \$55,939! Thank you for supporting the efforts of World Renew's Disaster Response Services as they assess and rebuild communities affected by the recent hurricanes!

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.

Count Committee Report: 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29

Council is grateful for your generosity and faithfulness in giving to the work of Christ among us:

General Fund: \$35,737.00

Benevolence: 603.00

Youth For Christ: 481.70

The anticipated offering in accordance with our 2017/2018 Budget is \$15,451.64 for one week, or \$46,354.92 for a three-week count.

Sola Christo: *in Christ Alone. What does it mean? "Our Lord Christ, true Son of God, has made known to us the will of His Heavenly Father and has redeemed us from death and reconciled us with God by His guiltlessness." ~*

From the Calvin Seminary Forum Spring 2017

Our faith commitment to Sola Christo- Christ is the Source & Author of Salvation.

First Christian Reformed Church: 1814 South Emerson Street

Email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org

#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



Order of Worship

November 5, 2017 ~ Christ Alone

The Sola System! *October 31, 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of the launching of what later became known as the Protestant Reformation. It is good for us to spend time reflecting and commemorating this event that still shapes conversations and cultures today. Over the next five Sundays we will take a look at some of the themes of that time and how they might apply today. These themes are often captured in five "Sola" statements:*

- *Sola Fide* - by faith alone
- *Sola Scriptura* - by Scripture alone
- *Sola Christo* - **through Christ alone**
- *Sola Gratia* - by grace alone
- *Sola Deo Gloria* - glory to God alone

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

Call to Worship: John 1

*Song: *Across The Lands*

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation.**

For by Him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

all things have been created by Him and for Him.

Christ is before all things,

and in Him all things hold together.

And Christ is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,

so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ,

and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,

whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

*Song: *Cornerstone*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Prayers For Renewal

Offering: World Renew – World Hunger

Offertory

Word

Children in Worship Dismissal

Leader: The Lord is here. The Lord is there.
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high. The Lord is low.
The Lord is on the path we go.

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

Children: **And also with you.**

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Break Now The Bread of Life* LUYH 764

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5, page 1160

Sermon: *Sola Christo*

Prayer for Application

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...to proclaim the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all:

**We praise You, we bless You,
we give thanks to You,
and we pray to You, Lord, our God. Amen**

...we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Distribution Songs:

*Nothing But The Blood
Jesus Messiah*

Communion

Sending Prayer

*Sending Song: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper; Accompanist Christy Bol with First CRC Band

Prayer and Care for God's People:

Praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ! In Him we live and move and have our being.

Thank you for the cards, kind words, and especially the prayers for our family in the recent loss of my mother. Although it was very unexpected, we are assured Mom is now with her Lord, free from physical defect and finding answers to many questions. It is good to be a part of the body of Christ! *Larry, Jen, and Alyse Young*

We pray especially for abundant health for those undergoing various types of cancer care, and extraordinary wisdom for medical staff.

We lift up our neighbors and friends who have yet to receive the gift of Christ's saving sacrifice and resurrection hope. We pray for opportunity to share our hope.

Current Events & Activities:

11:00am TODAY Classes for all Ages:

Age-specific Sunday School~

Catechism: 9th & 10th Grade Group in Pit Stop; 11th/12th Room 21

Crown Financial Class – Our Crown Financial Ministries group will be meeting **this Sunday morning at 11am**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please talk to Pastor Bret Lamsma.

Ladies: Did you know we have three on-going Bible Studies for you?

- 1. 9:30am – Ladies Morning Bible Study** meets every other **Wednesday** for *The Bible Jesus Read*, with Walt Ackerman in Rooms 12/13. Next Session meets on November 15. Materials are available through the church office #303.733.4936.
- 2. 6:30pm - Coffee Break Women's Bible Study** every Wednesday evening in the Emerson House next door with Betty Eysler and Beth Posthumus. Bible Study, prayer and caring fellowship.
- 3. 6:00pm – Holy Yoga & Bible Study** on the book *Soul Keeping by John Ortberg*. Meets every other week, next session November 9th.

Gentleman: Are you looking for Bible Study and prayer support?

November 11th at 7:00am, a group of guys meet for coffee and study.

This group meets in Room 21 every other Saturday. Additional Men's groups meet on various weekdays, contact Roland Buteyn: 303-758-3801, or Pastor Bret for more information.

Youth Group: This Sunday, **November 5** we will host *Ignite* at First and provide them with a meal, a time of worship and fellowship through games. Plan to attend, if you are able. Parents, please bring food for *Ignite*, as specified in the email sent out this week.

Club 68 for middle-schoolers will meet next Sunday night, **November 12, from 5-7** in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided.

You are invited! 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., will be hosting a special ordination service **TODAY Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 PM**. The First CRC congregation is invited to attend this service as we celebrate with Hope and New Gate Church, give thanks for our new partnership and anticipate how God will continue to work through his people!

Senior Moments, 1st CRC members and friends: Reminder - **Tuesday, November 14th** for a very special presentation by **Caleb Jonker**. A presentation on Caleb's journey, "*Sea to Sea*" bike tour he took this past summer, "**To End Poverty**". This event will be held in the Church Fellowship room. Coffee time at 9:30 a.m. Caleb's presentation begins at 10:00 a.m. This will be approximately 1 hour presentation, with questions to follow. Please remember to sign up so we will have a head count for our coffee time and seating. Lunch follows at Duffy's. Also, need to sign up if you do plan to join us for lunch. All are invited to join in for an adventuresome journey. The sign up sheet will be on the south side silver message door. Questions: Beth P. 303-947-1085 or Betty K. 303-514-6251.

Opportunities to Help and Serve:

The 2017 FIRST CRC Global Bazaar Updates & opportunities:

Is anyone headed to NW Iowa in November? The Global Bazaar committee needs someone to pick up some pork sausage and have it back here by Nov. 22. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem - shirley@firstcrcdenver.org or 303.733.4936 ext. 104

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

- 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.
- Invite your friends and neighbors** to join you at the bazaar - informational flyers will be available next week, Nov. 12, for you to give away or post in your neighborhoods.
- Check out our **website** for a list of vendors this year - firstcrcdenver.org.
- 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 a sign up sheet on Nov. 12.

Questions - contact Shirley Van Heukelem - shirley@firstcrcdenver.org.

Holiday Gift Market: November 18, 2017 10:00am-4:00pm

Hope Community Church: 1801 South Logan St., Denver, CO 80210

Popular vendors & hand made gifts, Silent Auction, Kid's Activity Zone and so much more. Proceeds will be donated to a local family's adoption fund. To learn more visit: www.denvergiftmarket.wordpress.com

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. Would your family like to take home a story bag, and review and renew the contents? See the display in the foyer, and let the office know which bag you would like to take responsibility for. Enjoy this simple project to welcome the little children new to First.

Gratitude and Appreciation:

Today we give thanks and offer sincere appreciation to our Chaplains: William Jensen, Claire Froelich, Jaelyn Busch and Dirk Van der Vorst as they seek to comfort the lost, lonely and grieving while carrying the hope of Christ to hospital patients and the incarcerated. May God sustain, support and encourage them in their ministry (and at home) as they embark upon the holiday season when many pastoral care needs arise.