

## Church Calendar for week of: October 15, 2017

**Sunday ~ October 15:** Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for General Fund.

**Fall Break: No Sunday School Today**

11:00am-12noon - New Member Welcome Lunch in Emerson

**Monday ~ October 16:** Church office is closed

**Tuesday ~ October 17**

**9:00am** - Senior Moments: Denver Police Crime Lab Tour

**1:00pm** - Staff Meeting in Room 21

**7:00pm** - Young Adults in Emerson House

**Wednesday ~ October 18**

**5:45pm** - Family Night Meal & Activities

**7:00am** - Men's Huddle; **9:30am** Ladies Morning Bible Study in Rm 12/13

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

**6:30pm** - Council Meeting in Room 21

**Thursday ~ October 19**

**Friday ~ October 20: Fall Retreat for High School Youth Group**

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

**Saturday ~ October 21**

**8:00am** - 11:30 am - Classical Conversation Event

**Sunday ~ October 22:** Pastor Joel is Preaching; offering is for Denver Area YFC

**5-7pm** - Club 68 Downstairs

### Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, October 15th

**Nursery:** Beth DeBoer, Ann Rajewski, Sam Lamsma

**CIW:** *The Walls Came Tumbling Down* Allie Christians, Isaac Jonker, Owen Vermeer, Erika Bol

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis, Cal Van Heukelem

**Coffee:** Cadys

### Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, October 22nd

**Nursery:** Briana Van Andel, Jeff Christians, Erica Bol

**CIW:** *David & Goliath* Christine Nibbelink, Gabrielle Vance, Owen Vermeer, Chloe Hansum

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Nancy Waanders & Anne Buteyn

**Coffee:** Sanders

**Warm Greetings to our visitors.** We are 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! Enjoy lunch with staff and host couple: *Ed & Kay Schans* TODAY from **11-12 noon** in the Emerson house right next door. *No reservations needed; children always welcome.*

### ???Do YOU have a photo on the First CRC Membership Directory???

- 1.) Take a "selfie". Log in with your email address and post your own picture. Children and youth, who do not have an individual email address, will need to have photos posted by the office by email or text photo to 303.434.5509 with a name.
- 2.) Email a photo (jpeg) to [connections@firstcrcdenver.org](mailto:connections@firstcrcdenver.org) and we will upload it.
- 3.) Call first, and stop by the office between **9am-3pm**, Tuesday through Friday, for a quick picture and a website walk through. We are happy to help you navigate our terrific web-site! *If you have not yet had opportunity to visit our site:* Our First CRC website address link is: <http://firstcrcdenver.org>
- 4.) Ask your Elder or Deacon to take a phone picture of you.

**When you reach the web site Welcome page, the log-in is in the top right corner. Click Login and type your current email address into the Username or email field. If you have never logged in, have a new email, or have forgotten your password, click on the red line [Forget your password?](#) so we can reset this for you with emailed instructions. If you get stuck, call and/or come by the office and we'll figure it out together! If you do not use a computer, that is okay too, just keep reading your *Connections* bulletin every Sunday.**

## Save The Date:

**Denver Area Youth For Christ: Changing Their Story**

**Monday, October 23, 2017 ~ 7:00pm -8:30pm**

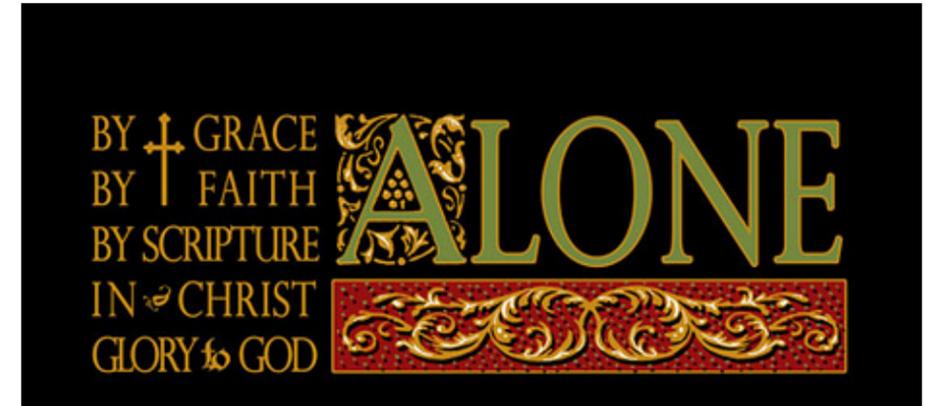
Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church: 10150 East Belleview Ave, 80111  
Free Dessert & Refreshments.

**Purses With A Purpose: Youth For Christ Fundraiser**

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

Valley Country Club in Centennial, CO

**Attention Runners** - Are you doing a race this fall? Dedicate your run to help Hurricane survivors! For more details visit [www.myworldrenew.net/grmarathon](http://www.myworldrenew.net/grmarathon)



## Order of Worship

### October 15, 2017 ~ Part I: *Sola Scriptura*

**The Sola System!** *October 31, 2017 marks 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

\*Song: *How Firm A Foundation* LUYH 427

\*Prayer:

Holy Spirit,

Pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Song: *Enlighten*

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

## Renewal

Song: *Order My Steps* LUYH 758

Offering:

Offertory: Women's Retreat Video

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### ***Sola Scriptura: by Scripture Alone. What does it mean?***

"Thus Sola Scriptura means that the Bible is the final authority about "the will of God completely and everything one must believe to be saved" and "the entire manner of service which God requires of us."

~ From the Calvin Seminary Forum Spring 2017:

Thus we may not put "human writings ...nor custom, majority, age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils nor decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God" revealed in Scripture (*Belgic Confession, Art. 7*).

**Our faith commitment to Sola Scriptura- *The Bible is the decider.***

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

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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

## Worship

Children in Worship Dismissal: *Children (ages 3-K) are dismissed to attend a worship service designed especially for their comprehension and participation. Their worship center is downstairs in the Fellowship Room. As they leave, we share a blessing with them. Parents are welcome to attend.*

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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak* LUYH 754

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-12, page 483

Sermon: *The Sola System: Sola Scriptura*

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

\*Sending:

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**We will not merely listen to the word, and so deceive ourselves. We will do what it says.**

Hasten and do not delay to keep His commandments.

**We will love the LORD our God and keep His requirements, His decrees, His laws and His commands always.**

\*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

\*Blessing

### Postlude

Minister of The Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist: Barb Hogan

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## Prayer and Care for God's People:

Our **September/October** Congregational prayer focus for persecuted believers is on the **country of Sudan**, ranked #5 on the World Watch List. Persecution in Sudan is systematic and reminiscent of ethnic cleansing. See the silver connection boards in the foyer for specific prayer points. Prayer sheets are on the table next to the display.

Please pray for **Beth Posthumus**, the **Brian Posthumus family** and **Cheryl Schmitt's** family as together they grieve the passing of Neal Rickers (99): beloved father, mentor and grandfather.

Let us pray **for each person that has recently undergone surgery**, for the tender touch of our Lord Jesus with healing, and fresh hope, during recovery.

We lift up **Shirley and Cal Van Heukelem**, and pray for a wonderful trip with safe return, as they travel to Italy October 17-26<sup>th</sup>.

## Current Events & Activities:

**Senior Moments:** Reminder this Sunday, **October 15th** is the last day to sign up for the tour of The Denver Police Crime Laboratory on **October 17th**. The sign up sheet is on the south side silver message door. We will meet in front of the church at 9:00 a.m. Tour begins at 10:00 a.m. This is a 2 hour tour. Racine's for lunch. For details please see the flyer. If you have any questions, contact: Betty K. [303-514-6251](tel:303-514-6251) or [BJK1957@AOL.COM](mailto:BJK1957@AOL.COM).

### **Introductory Holy Yoga+Bible Study** at FIRST CHRISTIAN

REFORMED CHURCH [1814 S Emerson St., Denver, CO 80210](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1814+S+Emerson+St,+Denver,+CO+80210/@39.74147,-104.97147,15z). We will meet every other Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month). Next session will be on **October 26th, 2017 from 6-8pm**. Bible study will include videos and discussion of the book **Soul Keeping: Caring For the Most Important Part of You** by John Ortberg. Please text Kimberly Whitten-Vouriotis at [720-849-3740](tel:720-849-3740) or contact Beth DeBoer at [bethmdb@gmail.com](mailto:bethmdb@gmail.com) for more information and the schedule.

\*\* Please bring a mat, water bottle, Bible! Some books will be available for purchase. Women only; and will include all levels of Yoga.\*\*

**Club 68 meets next Sunday, October 22**, in the basement social hall from **5-7. All 6th, 7th, and 8th** graders are invited to this time of fellowship, learning, and fun. Talk to Pastor Bret for more information.

### **High-Schoolers**

Our High School Youth Group fall retreat is next weekend, **October 20-22**. Students and parents, check your email this week for final details. Please pray for a great weekend of growth and community building for our group.

**Young Adult Bible Study** is meeting at the Emerson House on Tuesday Nights at 7:15pm to study Nehemiah. [kylecooper@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:kylecooper@firstcrdenver.org).

## Opportunities to Help and Serve:

**Can you swing a hammer? Do you love Saturday projects?** Do you dabble in occasional light plumbing? Then we need YOU!!! The deacons are looking for handy people interested in offering their fixer-upper gifts to those who need some extra help around the house. This would be on a volunteer basis as needs arise, and the more volunteers we have the more needs we can meet! If you are willing to serve, please e-mail [James@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:James@firstcrdenver.org) with your name and contact information.

**Office Assistant:** Hope Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 2400 S Ash Street, Denver is accepting applications for a part-time Office Assistant. As the Office Assistant you will be the first point of contact for the church. This position will provide administrative support that requires attention to detail, organizational skills, and completing responsibilities with a high level of quality and in a timely manner. Experience in MS Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Outlook is required. Experience in QuickBooks would be helpful. This position is part-time, 24 hours a week, 9am – 3 pm, Tuesday – Friday. Interested applicants can contact Bob Bandstra: [robert.w.bandstra@boeing.com](mailto:robert.w.bandstra@boeing.com) or [orkimw@hopefellowshipcrc.org](mailto:orkimw@hopefellowshipcrc.org)

**The 2017 Global Bazaar** will be held this year on **Saturday, December 2 from 9am to 3pm** here at First CRC Denver. Be sure to mark it on your calendars! This fair trade marketplace hosts about 30 vendors representing fair trade and local products from around the world and right here in Denver. It is a festive occasion that raises awareness of and funds for "*glocal*" Christian ministries to help people with immediate aid, long-term self-sufficiency, &/or discipleship growth. You won't want to miss it!

We are currently looking for a few more vendors, so if you know someone, contact Carol Willis ([carolwillis80631@msn.com](mailto:carolwillis80631@msn.com)) or Cathy Zoetewey ([czoetewey@comcast.net](mailto:czoetewey@comcast.net)).

We also are looking for volunteers to help make *pig-in-the-blankets* and *banket* (a Dutch pastry) on 2 Saturdays, **November 4 and November 25**, from about 9am to 1pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church or you can contact Anne Buteyn ([annebuteyn@msn.com](mailto:annebuteyn@msn.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??? You will find the bags behind the Library. Just let the office know which bag you would like to take responsibility for. Enjoy this simple project designed to welcome little children.

### **Long Scraggy Ranch Work Day**

When: **October 28th, starting at 9:00AM**; Lunch will be provided  
For details contact John Cloutier [303-838-7770](tel:303-838-7770)

## Gratitude and Appreciation:

*"The youth/senior game night was so fun. Everyone was laughing and enjoying every moment!" Betty Klap*

Thank you to the youth from the Senior Saints... **a BIG thank you**, for a fun evening of food, games and getting acquainted. Many thanks to Bret Lamsma and the leaders for their hard work, cooking and planning that went into *Game Night!*

We are grateful to the Women's Retreat Planning Committee for a wonderful time of fellowship in a grand setting. Special thanks to the worship team, and Julie Lamsma for the photography and videography. Everyone loved the treat bags, snacks, games and crafts ~ well done!