

Council Updates

The Elders met via Zoom this month, spending time together in prayer and discussion. With Pastor Joel, the Elder team is working through (and being blessed by) reading and discussing *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* by [Ruth Haley Barton](#).

- We welcome Pastor Craig Broek, of the Table Ministry, preaching for us today, **October 18**, while Pastor Joel takes his quarterly Sunday off. Please continue to pray for restoration and renewal for Pastor Joel, and his family, as he takes this small break to continue his school work and enjoys some down time with Jill and the kids.
- The Elders have determined that given the situation with the Covid pandemic, First Church will not meet together as a congregation on Thanksgiving Day this year. We will continue to join together the Sunday prior to, and after, Thanksgiving for times of gratitude and worship together.

In an effort to reduce unnecessary waste following a strong uptick in online giving, we would like to only order giving envelopes for those families that still use them. If you no longer need envelopes, please let us know by sending an email to treasurer@firstcrcdenver.org by November 15.

Global Bazaar Update:

Only 4 weeks left to get your order in for:

- homemade pigs-in-the-blanket - \$25/dozen
- banket (dutch almond pastry) - \$8 each

We will be taking orders **until Nov. 16**, so be sure to let us know if you want to purchase some this holiday season. All proceeds will be sent to our mission partner in Kenya, Margaret Njuguna, director of the En Gedi Children's Home in Kenya. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem at 303.419.8254 or shirley.vanheukelem@gmail.com.

Sermon Notes:



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday, October 18, 2020

A Family of God Living Our Faith and Growing by Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives and Humbly embracing the Hurting...

We sense God leading us to: Disciple in place, Stay connected and Act Locally.

Welcome to worship! If you are new to First Church, thank you for joining us! We would love to stay in contact with you. Please fill out a Connect card (in the pews), or text "visitors" to 94000.

Gathering

Prelude: Christy Bol

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: from Psalm 27

*Songs:

*Be Still For the Presence LUYH 532
How Great Is Our God*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal: from Psalm 27 continued

Song: *Nearer Still Nearer* LUYH 659

Offering: Benevolence If you would like to give to the ongoing ministry of First CRC as a part of your worship today, you can do so by mailing a check to First CRC, through the "Church Center" App, or by texting any amount to **84321**. Offering plates are available at the Welcome tables and downstairs in the overflow area.

Word

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23 pg. 90

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Glory of God"

Prayer for Application

Sending

*Sending Song: *Cornerstone*

*Blessing

*Postlude

UP~ Stay Connected

Persecuted Believer's Prayer Focus: October 17 we pray together for converts to Christianity in **India**. Pray especially for protection for Christians being exploited and beaten during COVID-19 lockdowns.

Please pray for **Sara Millard**. She is in the hospital again, and really appreciates our prayer support.

Please pray for **MaryBeth Duin**, Rebecca Schaefer's sister-in-law, undergoing treatment for trigeminal neuralgia, a painful jaw issue.

Please pray for complete healing for **LuAnn & Matt DeWild**, as their family recovers from Covid-19. Matt and his mom visited First CRC last year, while Matt was in Craig Hospital. Pray for strength for LuAnn.

Please pray for those among us with vision issues, requiring surgery or adjustment in prescriptions. Pray for clear vision.

Please pray for members struggling with shoulder, back and arm pain.

We continue to pray for Chaplains, medical staff, hospital teams and all scientists/researchers treating and caring about the needs of all patients.

Praise and prayer for healing and provision for **Amy Blahnik**.

Worship Updates

Please send Mark Rippetoe any **pictures** you have of you/your household worshipping at home, serving during this time, or participating in other ways: mrippetoe@firstcrcdenver.org. We would love to share them with our community so that we can see a bit more of each other even during this time of increased distance.

We want to encourage you to sign up and attend one of our worship services with your kids. Their noise and squirming is more than welcome and loved by this church community! But if you'd rather attend in a different setting, we have set up a space in the Fellowship Hall at church for families. We will show a video feed live from the sanctuary and will have tables set up for your family, with activities and nursery toys available for your kids. Please sign up on the sign up genius for the **overflow/family** space. Director of Faith Formation, *Pastor Bret Lamsma*

Link for Today's Service:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa_g/videos

Signup for Indoor Worship: 9am or 10:30am Service and Overflow downstairs:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aaca72eabfe3-sunday>

IN ~ Disciple IN Place

You are invited to join Pastor Joel for "Spaghetti Sessions" on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month **from 7pm to 8 pm**. These gatherings will be held via Zoom, and will be a time when we can dig deeper into Sunday's Scripture text together, ask questions about the sermon, and prayerfully discern how God might be asking us to live in light of His Word. Please join us online for the **October 28th** session: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154853629?pwd=NnpDVmk3RGYrbFIBS2J2TE5Wb3VXZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 5485 3629 Passcode: 287764

Pastor Bret's class on the **Color of Compromise** will meet **October 20th**, during two time slots to accommodate a group in rooms **12/13 at 6:30pm**; and a second group in **Fellowship Hall, from 7:30pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Bret if you have any questions: bret@firstcrcdenver.org.

High School Youth Group is meeting at church to rake leaves, and do other yard work, tonight from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**. *Bring a mask!*

Sunday School Videos from previous lessons, & this material for this week: *Promises, Promises Video & Printable Lesson 2.0:*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eUnxm-kAPRc--2n-09zJsojsebq4FlgRzejF4y2hjPo/edit?usp=sharing>

OUT ~ Act Locally

Joshua Station has a new manager of Volunteer Services: **Ben Sooy**. Here are some *felt needs* from the community at Joshua Station:

- **Joshua Station community meals:** November 19, November 25 (Day before Thanksgiving), and December 3. All Thursdays in 2021 are open, and it's a meaningful way to rally your church group, business, or other friends.
- **Spruce-a-Room:** We have five new families arriving this fall. Have you got the decorator's touch? Do you have friends you can organize to make a room look special?
- **Building and grounds:** Skilled and unskilled help is needed right now to make our facilities look nice and function well

For other needs and more detail, check out our **volunteer page**. **Reach out to Ben and make his heart sing** (he may even grab his guitar): bsooy@milehighmin.org
Office: 720-377-1103, ext 303
Cell: 303-501-4047

Youth For Christ For various reasons, *Purses With A Purpose* will not be happening this year.

Thank you for your past participation and we want to encourage you by sharing how your *past* participation has blessed our *current* ministry. Please grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this 20-minute video update we're sending to all our prayer and financial donors. I believe you will be encouraged that you still are a significant part of our ministry here in Denver. Bonus: you'll get to see our smiling faces again. Click here --> [Ministry Video Update](#) and use Password: watchparty

Help Claire Help Kids: **Green Collection bin is at the South Welcome area.** YFC Chaplain Claire Froehlich still needs **Halloween Candy** and activities claire@yfcdenver.org #720-771-0517.

Volunteers In Action

1.) *Cookies On Colfax* has returned! If you would like to bake cookies for Jesus On Colfax Ministry, you can place your cookies in the tubs in the entrance to the sanctuary. Sheri & Donn will deliver them to the JOC crew.

2.) *Senior lady* would love a volunteer visitor every other week to visit and discuss life. (Littleton Blvd & Broadway) Contact Sheri at 720-441-2858 or sherid@viadenver.org

3.) Residents at *Rowan Community* continue on their lock down. If you would like to write notes to residents or staff please do so! You can send your notes to the VIA office or drop them in the Cookies on Colfax bin at the entrance to the sanctuary. We will get them to Rowan for you!