

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ October 20 – Chaplain William Jensen is preaching. FALL BREAK for Sunday School. **Family Promise Week**, Offering is for Benevolence.

Monday ~ October 21

Tuesday ~ October 22 - 1:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday ~ October 23

8:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson

9:30am - Ladies AM Bible Study

Thursday ~ October 24

Friday ~ October 25 - 9-11 - Library

Saturday ~ October 26

7:00am – Men's AM Bible Study rm. 21

Sunday ~ October 27 **Age-specific Sunday School**

Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching, offering is for the General Fund

Welcome visitors and guests. Please take a minute to fill out a *Connect Card* (in the pew pocket) and return to an Elder or Pastor up front.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 20

Children in Worship: Davinia Lyon, Deb Van Eps, Sam Waanders, Andy V.

Nursery Leader: Jessica Cleveland, Tina Van Den Boogaard, Matthew Jonker

Camera: Owen Vermeer **Lyrics:** TBD **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Jim DeHaan

Coffee: Sander/Schaefer

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 27

Children in Worship: Jessica Addink, Jon Dyhr, Allie Schroder, Erin Youngsma

Nursery Leader: Cheryl Schmitt, David Youngsma, Paul DeBoer, Seth Soodsma

Camera: Ari Waanders **Lyrics:** Mieke Waanders **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Heersinks

Count Committee Report: 10/06 & 10/13

Council is grateful for your tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$18,870.00

Long Scraggy: 620.00

Living Water: 453.00

Weekly Budgeted giving for 1-week is \$10,795; or \$21,590 for a 2-week count.

First CRC Deacons FAQ

Q. Who are our mission partners and where can I find out more about them?

A. If you've ever been curious about learning who First CRC partners with in mission work you can check our website page about them

here: <http://firstcrddenver.org/serve/ministries-we-support>

Or, you can visit their websites individually!

Cascade of Hope: <https://www.cascadeofhope.org/>

Youth for Christ Juvenile Justice Ministry: <https://www.yfc.net/jjm>

The Table: <http://www.denvertable.org>

En Gedi Children's Home: <http://www.en-gedichildrenwithhope.org/>

Nicaragua Christian Academy: www.nca.edu.ni

Cady's in Asia: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/>

Thank you for the generous offering received for **Platt Park** Children's Center! We are grateful for your continued support of our preschool ministry!

The Global Bazaar is happening again this year on Saturday,

December 7, from **9am to 2pm**. Mark your calendars for the December 7 date and for the following baking days. We will be making *banket* (almond-filled pastry) & pig-in-the-blankets (pastry wrapped sausages) to sell at the bazaar.

• Saturday, November 9 - 9am to noon

• Saturday, November 23 - 9am to noon

• Saturday, November 30 - 9am to noon

No experience necessary. We will teach you how to do this and we'll all have a fun time doing it. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to our mission partner, En-Gedi Children's Home in Kenya.

If you would like to purchase **almond paste** for your holiday baking, please contact Shirley at 303.419.8254 or shirley.vanheukelem@gmail.com. The cost is \$7.50/lb.

Missions Updates:

Claire Froehlich: YFC Denver www.yfcdenver.org

Save the Date for: 11/10 Purses with a Purpose.

The Table: The Table is growing deeper roots this fall! Please join us for a 2Root capital campaign event at the Inn at the Hudson Gardens (6115 S. Santa Fe Dr.) Tonight, **Sunday, Oct. 20 from 6-8 PM**. Dinner and drinks will be provided, Craig Broek and friends of The Table will share the vision for the future of the ministry and plans for a building, and you'll be invited to partner in the campaign. Tickets for the event are \$25 each, or you can reserve table of 8 for \$200 and bring your friends. Get your tickets via our event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1404729473024872/>) or email or call Craig (craig.broek@gmail.com; 720-465-4421).

NCA: Interested in making a difference in the lives of future leaders of Nicaragua? Current and upcoming teacher openings, starting January 2020 or sooner! Descriptions of many of these positions are available at nca.edu.ni/teach. If you or someone you know might be interested in teaching at **Nicaragua Christian Academy**, contact us by sending an email to international@nca.edu.ni!

- ELL/ESL Teacher (NCA International)
- Secondary English / Social Studies Teacher (NCA International)
- EFL English Teacher (NCA Nejapa - Spanish-language school)
- EFL English Teacher (NCA Matagalpa - Spanish-language school)

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

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
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Rebecca J. Schaefer:	Communications & Admin.	ext. 102



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

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

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 18

As for God, His way is perfect:

The Lord's word is flawless;

He shields all who take refuge in Him.

For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is the Rock except our God?

The Lord lives! Praise be to our Rock!

Exalted be God our Savior!

Therefore we will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

We will sing the praises of Your name.

*Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Litany from Isaiah 44

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

He heard my cry for mercy.

Because He turned His ear to me,

I will call on Him as long as I live.

I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

"Lord, save me!"

The Lord is gracious and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

Return to your rest, my soul,

for the Lord has been good to you.

*Song: *Sons & Daughters*

*God's Greeting

People of God, from where does your help come?

Our help comes from the Lord,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in the name of the Triune God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: 2 Chronicles 7:14
Prayer of Confession and Assurance

*Song of Assurance: *I Am Not My Own*

Offering: Benevolence
Offertory: instrumental “*Abide With Me*”
Offertory Prayer

Word

Children In Worship Sending

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.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Choir Special Music: *Let My Prayer Arise* by Edwin M. Wilmington

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 7:18-23
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: Rev. William Jensen

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* LUYH 897

Sending

*Sending: from Isaiah 35

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
**“Be strong, do not fear; Your God will come,
He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution
He will come to save you.”**
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
**Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.**
Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
**The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.**
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
**The redeemed of the Lord will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

*Sending Song: *Cornerstone*

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Guest Pastor: Rev. William Jensen
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

*Uganda is our prayer focus for **September and October**. Believers in Uganda are being disowned for their faith. The Christian church is in danger. In November/December we will focus prayer for persecuted believers in **Iran/Iraq**.*

We pray for a sense of God’s nearness for Chris Vanden Broeke and family.

We rejoice with those celebrating new life!

We ask complete healing for those undergoing eye surgeries and procedures.

We lift up our *Family Promise* week: each participant, every volunteer and host. May our guests find rest, peace and the fellowship of the Holy Trinity among us.

Lee Smit, Ina’s nephew, was able to walk 101 feet this week! Praise God for real healing progress. Continue to pray for strengthened faith and fresh hope.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Bible Studies:

All women of First CRC and your friends who might be interested:

Join Karen and Nancy Waanders as they lead us in a discussion on *Life of the Beloved*. This book delves into understanding and living into the idea that you are truly God’s beloved child. We plan to discuss the book on **Wednesday, November 13, 7pm**, at the Jonker's house, 3690 E. Dartmouth Ave., DEN 80210. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the foyer; even if you expressed an interest at the retreat, please sign up again and let us know if you need a book (\$10). We will order books on October 23. There are many used copies on Amazon so feel free to get your own. Questions? Contact Melanie Jonker - melanie.jonker@gmail.com

Women’s AM Bible Study meets every other Wed., next mtgs. **Oct. 23** and November 6 & 20 at **9:30am** in room 12/13, to study “*Cultures in Conflict*” by Ray Vander Laan. Led by Walt Ackerman.

Coffee Break ~ Women’s evening fellowship, prayer and Bible Study meets every Wednesday at **6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. They continue studying Genesis. Everyone is welcome! b.eysner@comcast.net.

Men’s Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church, coffee is on at 7:30am *every* Wednesday. Contact: cvanheukelem@gmail.com

Men’s Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtg. **Oct. 26th**
Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Senior Moments – *Save the Date* November 19, for Balistreri Vineyards tour.

Sew & Sews: Sew & Sews is scheduled to meet next in rms. 12/13 on **Oct. 31**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Card Stampers: Reminder – No stamp class this Saturday due to Family Promise. Next meeting is November 23, 1-3.

Middle-Schoolers Save These Dates for Club 68: 11/10, 12/8, 1/19, 2/16, 3/15, 4/26. Our group will meet from **5-7pm** on Sunday evenings to focus on service projects and social gatherings as our primary way of building connection with each other, God and our church community.

High Schoolers: Our high school youth group meets tonight. Check your email for more information or talk to a youth group leader today.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Humbly Embracing The Hurting

Love to bake? Love sharing your baked goods with others? If this is you, we would love to share your baked goods with the *Family Promise* guests. Please bring any goodies to church anytime throughout this week and place them on the counter by the roll-up door in the kitchen. They will be eaten throughout the week by our guests and volunteers, and leftovers will go into the freezer for others to use. Anything is appreciated. Thank you!

The Helping Hands Meal refrigerator is empty! Please make a little extra supper, to place in disposable containers (label/date contents & add instructions).

Circle of Hope meets on the second Saturday, 10:00 am in rm 21- **Next mtg. is November 9th**. This small group setting is designed for encouragement to all those supporting a loved one navigating mental illness issues of all types. Contact czoetewey@comcast.net for more details.

Volunteers in Action has received calls from neighbors in need.

1. Visually impaired woman near *Yosemite and Hampden* would like transportation to the grocery store and other errands she needs to run in her neighborhood.
2. Senior woman near *Alameda and I-225* would like a friend to visit with and listen to her stories. She is a former Walmart greeter and misses people in her life now that she is retired. She has wonderful stories to share and guarantees a fun visit!
3. Visually impaired lady near *Bellevue and Wadsworth* requests help with reading her mail and light filing of paperwork.

Is God calling you to volunteer for any of these individuals?
Call Sheri at 303-733-9144 or email sherid@vialdenver.org

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Essay Contest - The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies proudly announces our 28th annual **High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest**. This year’s topic is Calvin and the Biblical Patriarchs. Deadline for submission is February 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded scholarships to one of several Reformed colleges and universities, as listed on our website. Details: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/

Calling All Photographers - Do you have a good eye for photos of people? Are you working on your skills at taking photos of events or activities? We’re looking for photos of churches in action, and we’d love to share yours! Images can include church picnics, communion, worship teams, mission trips, community action...anything that shows the people of your church, being the church. Snap some photos, get permission from the people in them (unless it's a large group shot in a public place), and then send them to communications@crcna.org. We'll consider them - with credit - on the CRCNA homepage and social media. Thanks

Good News: We have successfully moved from our former database *Servant Keeper* to one point of data and worship planning for internal use, called *Planning Center*. This is separate from our Web-site and on.line Member directory. If you have any new contact information: new address, new gmail accounts or have gotten rid of your land line, we can edit that for you. Even better, if you want to change your photo on the directory, please email a current re-sized photo to the office (with names of your family members) at: Connections@firstcrcdenver.org.