

## Church Calendar for October 23-30, 2016

Guest Pastor Dr. David DeBord is preaching on Psalm 46  
Offering is for *Project I See You* – **FALL BREAK** for **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
5-7pm~ Youth Group: Speaker on Refugees in Denver

**Monday ~ October 24<sup>th</sup>** – office closed

**Tuesday ~ October 25<sup>th</sup>**

1:00am - Staff Meeting - Rm 21

**Wednesday ~ October 26<sup>th</sup> Family Night ~ Club 68**

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study: Emerson House

**Thursday ~ October 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am – 11:00am – Sew & Sews

**Friday ~ October 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am – Library Ladies

**Saturday ~ October 29<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am - Dance rehearsal in the Pit Stop

11:00am – Memorial Service and lunch reception for Henry Klap

**Sunday ~ October 30<sup>th</sup>: Grow Groups OUTserving →**

Pastor Joel is preaching from Psalms; offering is for Benevolence.

**This week the offering will be for *Project I See You***, a ministry that Ann Rajewski is intimately involved in. *Project I See You's* goal is to promote relationships between women in the U.S. with women in the Dominican Republic. One way they do this is by creating economic independence for the women of the D.R., by teaching sewing, jewelry making, and other skills that produce work, sell-able locally, and at North American fair-trade markets such as our Global Bazaar. For more information go to their website at [www.projectiseeyou.org](http://www.projectiseeyou.org).

**Welcome to all of our visitors and guests!** Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back for kids to draw on, and return for a surprise. Elders are up front for prayer and to answer any questions. Coffee/tea are in the foyer.

### Donuts for \$1 TODAY: Donations to En-Gedi Children's Home Building Fund

Proceeds from each monthly donut sale will go directly to different First CRC mission partners on these Sundays: 11/27, 1/1, 2/19, 3/26, 4/23. We will let you know before each *Donut Day*, where the funds will be given.

### Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Nursery:** Jenn Van Otterloo, Kristin Jensen, Wyatt Vermeer, Roger Vanden Boogaard, Sam Waanders

**Children in Worship:** Fall Break

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

**Sound:** Paul DeBoer **Slides:** Annika DeBoer **Video:** Hannah DeBoer

**Lord's Supper Prep and DVD Delivery:** Grow Group #3

**Coffee:** Sanders

### Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Nursery:** Jessica Addink, Paige Cady, Eric Den Braber, Nancy Waanders, Matthew Jonker

**Children in Worship:** *Safe in a Basket*, Kelsie Ruter, Gabrielle Vance & Josh Youngsma

**Prayer Ministry Elders:** Cyndi Berghuis & Rick Schmitt

**Sound:** David Schans **Slides:** Brett VDB **Video:** Logan Posthumus

**Coffee:** Heersinks

**GROW GROUPS OUT serving Together:** *IN-volve Yourself in an OUT!! Here's your opportunity to SERVE in one of our upcoming OUT activities. Sign-Up Sheets are posted in back of the Sanctuary. You will be contacted once you've signed up...please sign up early!!!*

**1. Global Bazaar** - volunteers needed for all aspects of Global Bazaar: baking at First Church on November 12th, 9am to noon, Set up Friday night, Dec. 2, and helpers Saturday all day (shifts), Dec. 3 - 8:30am-3:00pm, including clean up after 3pm. Contact Anne Buteyn.

**Please note:** *All of you that signed up (or were thinking of signing up) to participate in the Global Bazaar baking day, Saturday, October 29 from 9am to noon, we will reschedule this baking day later in November.*

**2. Sun Valley** - Sun Valley Youth Center **Saturday, October 29, 9am-12.10** Volunteers recommended. We will be winterizing gardens, cutting back brush around the church, clearing out a room in the basement and helping fix bikes for local youth. Contact: [chadnibbelink@gmail.com](mailto:chadnibbelink@gmail.com)

**3. Meals for Mullen High School students** - Sheri DeHaan needs people willing to cook and bake meals for students who otherwise would go without lunch. Times TBD. Contact: [sheridehaan@firstcrdenver.org](mailto:sheridehaan@firstcrdenver.org)

**4. Canterbury Gardens** Canterbury Gardens - **Sunday, October 30, 2 PM - 3:30** Relational visit with the residents at a *Medicaid Assisted Living Facility* in Aurora. NEW STEP this year will be Table Prayers, plus our usual activity & enjoying delicious treats. Families with children are welcome. Contact: [Kellis@voluntersinaction.info](mailto:Kellis@voluntersinaction.info) Cookies needed : }



## First Christian Reformed Church

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

*Celebrating, Seeking, Sharing abundant life  
in Jesus...*

**Order of Worship~ October 23rd, 2016**

## Gathering

Prelude and Processional

Welcome

*Be Still For the Presence* LUYH 532

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 96

We come in reverent awe before the Lord our God  
—for great is the Lord!

**We come, to join with all creation  
in singing new songs to the Lord our God.**

We come in worship and praise  
—for the Lord God is worthy of our praise!

**We come, to share together the news of our  
Glorious Lord's saving deeds.**

We come with songs and prayers  
—to give well-deserved glory to the Lord!

**We come, to bring our offerings of worship and praise  
to the Lord our God—whose holy splendor, honor and majesty  
shines forth from God's presence. Amen.**

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\*Song: *Revelation Song*

## Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,**

**will never hold against me**

**any of my sins nor my sinful nature,**

**which I need to struggle against all my life.**

**Rather, in His grace**

**God grants me the righteousness of Christ**

**to free me forever from judgment.**

Song of Assurance: *Stronger*

Offering: "Project I See You"

Offertory: Choir singing "*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*"

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

## Word

Scripture: Psalm 46 pg. 563  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Be Still" Dr. DeBord

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Response: *Be Still My Soul* verse 1, 2, 4

## Sending

\*Sending: Psalm 91:1-2  
Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
**He is our Refuge and our Fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.**

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

\*Blessing

### Postlude

Minister of the Word: Dr. David DeBord; Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper  
Accompanist: Barb Hogan; Musicians: First CRC Band

### Council News

The Council met on Tuesday and voted unanimously to recommend Rev. Bret Lamsma for the Director of Faith Formation position. Executive Committee will be hosting a town hall meeting this Sunday, **October 23rd at 11:00am** to provide an update, as well as provide an opportunity for Q & A. Rev. Brett Lamsma will join us again on **November 6th** allowing the congregation to meet and ask him questions. There will be a **congregational vote November 13th.**

### Prayer For God's People

Please pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to minister to Betty, her family, and all those grieving the loss of Henry Klap, who passed away early Friday morning. A memorial service, with a lunch reception, will be held **Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11:00am at First Church.**

Praise for successful heart valve surgery for Don Eyser. He is progressing as expected and recovering normally at St. Joseph's Hospital. Continue to pray for strength for Betty as she cares for him, and for healing for Don.

Pray for renewal and recovery for those still wrestling with addiction, denial, co-dependency and family diseases of alcoholism and mental illness.

Remember God's children incarcerated in the judicial system. May the Gospel words of Jesus, through Paul and the apostles, meet each prisoner at the point of their deepest need.

*First Church is blessed to have a group of women who meet regularly for prayer. If you have something for which you would like confidential prayer offered, please send your prayer requests by email to: Cyndi@firstcrcdenver.org, or mddeboer@juno.com*

### First Church Upcoming Activities:

**Youth Group tonite 10/23!** We will be meeting at church **from 5-7** to learn from a guest speaker about refugees in Denver. Join us!

There are still a few spots open for the small group, short term study on "**Listening Prayer**" that will begin this evening, **October 23rd** at Cathy & Mike Van Donselaar's home in Centennial. This group will meet weekly through November 27. If you are interested in joining, contact Cathy Van Donselaar - cathvandonselaar@aol.com or (303) 771-4805.

The next two Wednesdays, during Family Night, **October 26th is Club 68** for students in grades 6-8. Join in the fun and meet other *middle-schoolers!*

**New Small Group:** A Bible study with Hymns ~ Theology We Sing! Hosted by Henry Zoetewey. Discuss ways hymns shape our faith and fuel our worship. This small group begins **October 27th at 7 PM**, and plans to meet every other Thursday at Zoetewey's home: 3040 S. Acoma, 80110

**On Friday, October 28 the youth group will be providing a meal at Ignite Ministries**, a drop in center for refugee youth in Denver. We will enjoy a time of worship with them and feed them supper as well. If you are willing to help by providing some of the food, please contact Nancy Waanders. Details about when and where to meet will be sent to parents and youth via email.

**The Prayer Group For Persecuted Believers**, an interdenominational group of men and women, who meet to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am "N"** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) the second Monday of each month. Join us **Nov. 14th, 9:15am-10:30am** at First CRC.

### **Hey mom's of little lambs! Here is our Playgroup Schedule**

If you would like to join other First Church mom's and kids for Playgroup, please contact Allie Christians: [alliechristians4@gmail.com](mailto:alliechristians4@gmail.com)  
**November 7-** Briana Van Andel - 2935 S. Akron Court  
**November 21-** Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

### Local and Global Mission Updates:

**The Table**~ *The Giving Season*-

Each order for a custom, hand made wreath from **The Table** supports this non-profit ministry which raised and donated over 5,500 pounds of food in 2016. The wreaths are all unique and sure to delight you long past the Christmas holiday. Orders placed before Oct. 31 receive free, front porch delivery in Denver proper on Nov. 26. Orders can be made online at [www.denvertable.org](http://www.denvertable.org). There are order forms in the foyer.

**Nicaragua Christian Fellowship:** We're excited about the near-completion of our school's latest project -- a well to provide our school with a reliable source of water. We expect to install the casing and 5 HP pump within the next 2 weeks. To donate, visit <http://www.crwm.org/donate>, Nicaragua Christian Academy: <http://www.nca.edu.ni>

### **World Renew link to relief efforts in Haiti:**

Upon assessment, World Renew is asking us to redirect our Hurricane relief efforts to provide **clean drinking water, food and shelter:** Please donate \$50 directly to World Renew for emergency supplies. Or, give to First CRC with World Renew Haiti in the memo line...and keep praying!

**China Update: Jonathan and Marian Cady** recently returned from a church planting conference on a small island off the coast of China. Hundreds of Chinese church leaders gathered to learn how worshipping communities build up believers. Through November, contributions to their ministry in China will be matched 1 to 1. If you are considering support for the Cady's, November is a great opportunity to double the funds donated. [www.crwm.org/donate](http://www.crwm.org/donate) (select: missionaries/Asia/Jonathan Cady) or call: CRWM at #800-346-0075.

### Opportunities to Serve & Support

**Making and serving coffee** is an easy way to stay connected, up the *friendly factor* at First and meet new people. If you would like to prepare and serve coffee once every 6-8 weeks, please call the office for more details #303-733-4936.

**Sweet Homemade Treats** are requested for two upcoming **OUT** opportunities at *Canterbury Gardens* on 10/30 & 12/11. The folks at CG seldom receive homemade goodies. We minister to their heart needs while sharing sweet treats! Please contact Kelli Schuttinga at 928-970-1814 if you & your family could bake for them.

**We have heard from several of our home-bound members** that their days get long. Visits from family and friends any time of the day or early evening help to break up the loneliness they feel. If this is something that you enjoy doing and you feel a heart tug to reach out to this specific segment of our church family, contact Beth Posthumus at 303.947.1085. Beth schedules so our home-bound members are visited on a regular basis.

**Pine Ridge Reservation** is gathering donations October 1-31. Mariellen Galbreath and Karen Ham invite you to join them in collecting: boxed food items, new/gently used clothes, toys, books & household items in the donation bin in the foyer. Larger items like bikes, tools, building supplies and horse-related items may be delivered directly to: 3270 S. Bellaire Denver 80222. Questions? Call or email Suze at #303-803-8248 or [susanknospe0652@comcast.net](mailto:susanknospe0652@comcast.net).

### Requested Announcements

**Mile High Ministries: Seeking the Peace is a one-day "immersion retreat"** in the city, hosted by Mile High Ministries in partnership with longtime friends who have created a new organization called *Centering Way*. **We are planning a series of one-day retreats for community leaders in Denver. The next retreat will be held on Wednesday, November 2 from 8:30-5:00 and an identical retreat will be held Saturday, November 5.**

The retreats will combine reflective walks around a Denver neighborhood, conversation about changes and trends in our city, and the practice of spiritual exercises chosen to help nurture our spiritual lives as we "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which God has brought you" Jeremiah 29:7.

I sure hope you can attend one of these upcoming dates! **Mile High Ministries: 913 N. Wyandot St. Denver, CO 80204 303-839-5198** [www.milehighmin.org](http://www.milehighmin.org). Registration is \$130. Morning refreshments and lunch included. Financial assistance is available; please email Becca Nunziato if you'll be needing that. ~ *Jeff Johnson*