

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ October 27 Age-specific Sunday School

Pastor Joel Schreurs preaching, offering is for the General Fund

Monday ~ October 28: Classical Conversation

6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ October 29

1:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday ~ October 30

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

6:45pm – Beloved of God Yoga downstairs

Thursday ~ October 31

9am-12noon – Sew & Sews in 12/13

Friday ~ November 1: Youth Group to Granby

9-11 - Library

Saturday ~ November 2

7:00am – Men's AM Bible Study rm. 21

Daylight Savings Sunday ~ November 3 Age-specific Sunday School

Pastor Joel preaching; offering is for World Renew

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. We want to welcome you, answer any question about First Church and encourage you!

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 27

Children in Worship: Jessica Addink, Jon Dyhr, Ali 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

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 3

Children in Worship: Christine Nibbelink, Deb Van Eps, Ali Schroder, Annika DeBoer

Nursery Leader: Beth DeBoer, Owen Vermeer, Dale Sanderson, Marisa Bol

Camera: Adam DeBoer **Lyrics:** Davis Addink **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Fred Ritsema & Cathy Van Donselaar

Coffee: Substitution (Sanders)

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/>

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.

Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you know about a unique volunteer opportunity. **Volunteers in Action** partners with Pastor Shawn Sikkema who leads *Jesus on Colfax* Ministries. Each Tuesday night he leads a group of volunteers to knock on doors at motels on East Colfax, offering food, prayer, and support.

Interestingly, they have found that the most sought after food they offer is homemade cookies! In fact, they now distribute about 15 dozen homemade cookies each week. They are asking if **Volunteers in Action** can spread the word and collect homemade baked goods for this ministry.

Why homemade cookies? We guess a couple of reasons. Almost all the motel rooms do not have ovens. Residents are not able to bake or cook. The people living in these motels are essentially homeless and homemade cookies bring a positive sense of belonging. The time and love associated with homemade cookies make a person feel special. Therefore, residents are willing to open their doors to Shawn and his volunteers for conversation and prayer.

VIA is accepting cookie donations from people of all ages: kids, teens, parents, adults, and grandparents. Please email or call if you are interested in baking a few dozen cookies for Jesus on Colfax. Thank you!

Also, please save the date for Rowan Worship on **Sunday November 10th from 4 pm to 4:45 pm**. All are welcome to join.

Contact: **Emily Duntsch** <emilyd@viadenver.org>

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

Pastor Joel Schreurs:	Minister of the Word	ext. 101
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Kyle Cooper:	Worship Coordinator	ext. 103
Bret Lamsma:	Director of Faith Formation	ext. 105
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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 27, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Song: *O Worship the King* LUYH 2

*Invitation from Isaiah 55:

All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our
gracious and Holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.
Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You

*Song: *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:3-5

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left You
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the times we've thought of ourselves as more valuable than others.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the times we have hurt the members of our families
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the times we were unkind and impatient with those
who needed our time and concern.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
Lord, have mercy on us.
For the times we refused to forgive others.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Song of Confession: *Lord I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will He harbor His anger forever;
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His love for those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Song of Assurance: *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Claire Froehlich Missionary Update

Word

Children In Worship Sending

Delval, Marie-Hélène, and Arno. Psalms for Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans for Young Readers, 2008. Print.

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

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (Tableau)

Sermon: *Nothing To Prove*

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *God of Grace*

Sending:

It is by grace we have been saved, through faith.
This is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God.
Therefore, we go from this place confident that,
at our best and at our worst
We are loved. And we belong to Jesus.
In good times and bad, in joy and in sorrow.
We are loved. And we belong to Jesus.
In our successes and failures
In victories and defeats.
We are loved. And we belong to Jesus.

We have been freely justified by His blood.

By grace, we have been forgiven.

By grace, we have been set free.

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be is a gift of grace.

**May we go from this place surrounded, sustained,
and transformed by God's amazing grace!**

*Sending Song: *Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand* LUYH 708

*Blessing

*Postlude

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Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

For November/December we will focus prayer for persecuted believers in Iran. We praise God that hundreds of thousands of Iranians are turning to faith in Christ.

Despite continued intense pressure from the Islamic regime, more Iranians have become Christians in the last 20 years than in the previous 1,300 years since Islam came to Iran. Many Christians in Iran are paying a high price for their faith in Jesus. They have lost jobs, homes or even custody of children. Some are unjustly imprisoned in Iran's notorious prison system. Your prayer strengthens our brothers and sisters and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Hebrews 13:3

Please pray for those with heart and lung issues.

Please pray for those enduring chronic pain.

Please pray for provision and protection for single parents within our faith family.

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. Questions? Contact Melanie Jonker - melanie.jonker@gmail.com

Women's AM Bible Study meets every other Wed., next meetings are **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.eyser@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. **Nov. 9th**
Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

Beloved of God Yoga will meet 10/30 and 11/20 at 6:45 pm downstairs at church. Everyone is welcome! Christ-Centered and focused on strengthening and restoring our bodies and minds to do God's work in the world.

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.

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**, 1-3pm in rm. 12/13.

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Humbly Embracing The Hurting

Helping Hands Meals: Please make a little extra supper, to place in disposable containers (label/date contents & add instructions). You will notice we have a wonderful new silver refrigerator in the kitchen. *Helping Hands* meals need to be clearly marked and placed in the white **freezer** (to the left of the silver refrigerator).

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 *Belleview 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@viadenver.org

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

A message from our Worship Coordinator, Kyle:

I would love to get a wind ensemble together for our Thanksgiving service this year! Please let me know if you play a brass or woodwind instrument and would like to participate! We will have one rehearsal before that date, on a TBD day based on what works best for most of you. I hope to hear from you!
kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org

Good News: We have successfully transferred data from our former database *Servant Keeper* to one main 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 updated 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 update your photo on the directory, please email a current re-sized photo to the office (with names of your family member) to: Connections@firstcrcdenver.org.