

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ October 28 Sunday School For All

Pastor Joel Preaching; Offering is for Platt Park Children's Center

Monday ~ October 29

6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ October 30

1-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21

7:00pm - Young Adults at Emerson

Wednesday ~ October 31

7:00am - Men's Bible Study in Emerson

Thursday ~ November 1

7:00pm Worship Practice

Friday ~ November 2

9:30am-11:30am - Library is staffed for your assistance.

Saturday ~ November 3

9:00am -12n Baking for Global Bazaar

Sunday ~ November 4 Daylight Savings Time ends: Pastor Joel Preaching

4-6ish Youth Group * check with leaders for details.

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, October 28th:

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Luke Ruter, Matthew Jonker, Wyatt Vermeer

Nursery: Charys Youngsma, Sheri Dehaan, Eli Vermeer, Sam Lamsma

Camera: Mieke Waanders **Lyrics:** Gabe Zoetewey **Sound:** Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elder: Fred Ritsema and Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Heersinks

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, November 4th:

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Karen Waanders, Davis Addink, Erica Bol

Nursery: Jessica Cleveland, Savannah Blohm, Marissa Bol, Madysen Hunt

Camera: Adam DeBoer, **Lyrics:** Aaron Elgersma **Sound:** Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elder: Cal Van Heukelem and Anne Buteyn

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Newcomers, guests and visitors: Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey.

Platt Park Children's Center began its 6th year this fall! We continue to be amazed at the many ways God continues to bless our little ministry to children and families in the Platt Park neighborhood. Almost 100 children enter our doors each week to learn, grow and have fun together. We have an amazing staff who have a passion to share the love of God with our students. We are very grateful for your prayers as well as financial support! *Cheryl Schmitt*

Elevator: *We are sorry that the elevator is still out of service. A service company has been engaged for several weeks but even after replacing the power unit last week, they are having a difficult time fully diagnosing and repairing the elevator to a level of being back in service and complying with the fire and building codes. Hopefully, soon!*

Grow Group Stories at Work:

We are collecting stories for our November 18th Grow Group worship service. The theme of the service will focus on "Verses I Take to Work" and will follow closely on our current sermon series. How does God's word guide you, encourage you, or support you in your daily activities? Please share your stories with us via email (stories@firstcrdenver.org) or talk to a staff member.

Coming in December - Live It Out!

For Advent this year we are offering intergenerational activities during our Sunday School hour that will allow us to put our faith into action. We have six options for you to choose from:

1. Intergenerational choir and possibly orchestra
2. Visual arts for the sanctuary using the Advent theme from Ruth
3. Readers theater based on the book of Ruth
4. Christmas cookies for the home-bound
5. Wish List and/or Move-in Packets for Family Promise
6. Ornament craft based on the Advent theme from the book of Ruth

These groups will meet for **3 weeks, Dec. 2, 9, & 16.** Everyone - from 3 to 103 - is encouraged to sign up on the sheets available in the back of church. **Deadline for sign up is Nov. 18.** *Note: some of the options have size limits, so if one of these sounds especially good to you, sign up early!*



"She looks for wool and flax, and works with her hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13

Missionary Update:

Local ~ The Table ~ Craig & Jeanine

Thank God for seven years of God's goodness through abundant harvest, and fruitful relationships.

Please join us in praying for discernment moving forward:

For financial means in any way God sees fit.

For the next level vision for a building to house operations and expansion of our ministry and serve as a gathering center for the Community.

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

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

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Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018

First Christian Reformed Church

A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:

Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives, and Humbly embracing the hurting.

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome
Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-3, 7

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Psalm 46:8-11

Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations He has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.**

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

**The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Song: *To Our God*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: *Lord I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24

*Song of Assurance: *Before the Throne of God Above* LUYH 682

Offering: *Platt Park Children's Center*

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

Leader: We are God's family
We joyfully surrender to Jesus
We freely share our lives
We humbly embrace the hurting

People: **The Lord be with you**

Children: **And also with you**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9 pg. 10

Sermon: *Good Work Gone Bad*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *Christ Is Enough*

Sending

*Sending: Romans 12:1 and Colossians 3:23-24

In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God.

This is our true and proper worship.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

**We know that we will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a
reward. It is the Lord Christ we are serving.**

*Sending Song: *Take My Life and Let It Be* LUYH 863

*Blessing

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band ,

Assisting in Worship: Elder Nancy Waanders and Lisa Lohmann

Up ~ Prayer

Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus will be for the country of Pakistan in November and December. Look for a prayer sheet with strategic prayer requests and links to more information. Pray that amendments will be made to Pakistan's existing blasphemy laws so that the country's citizens – including its children – will be protected from injustice and abuse. May our Lord's mercy and justice prevail, in the hearts of militia. Ask Him to transform "hearts of stone" into hearts that are receptive to His love, mercy and the drawing of His Holy Spirit.

- Please continue to pray for encouragement and healing for **Betsy Ackerman**, who had a medical procedure this past week.
- Praise God for **Nikalina Joy Van Andel** born 10/11/18 at 9:23pm; Weighing in at 7lb 13 oz, and 19.5" long
- **Cal Smit** had unexpected carotid artery surgery, after experiencing seizures earlier this week.
- We pray for sustaining grace and encouragement for **Jack and Jean Allen**.
- Birthday Blessings to **Matt De Wild** (26) on October 29th.
- Happy Anniversary to **Cal & Shirley Van Heukelem** October 24th.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Are you in need of some light work or fall clean up in your yard? Do you know someone who is in need? Our high school youth group is looking for a few houses to work at next Sunday, **11/4**, during our meeting. Please contact Pastor Bret or Eileen Ruter if you have a need, or know of someone who does.

Conductor Kyle is looking for music students of all ages, to play during prelude, postlude, or during the offertory. Pianists, or other instrumentalists can contribute. We will find an accompanist if you need one, and can help you find an arrangement. Contact kylecoper@firstcrcdenver.org

Men's Morning Small Group meets every **Wednesday morning at 7am** in Emerson House next door, and a **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday (next mtg. is **11/10**) at **7am** in rm. 21.

Senior Moments: Save **November 13th** for our trip to Denver Museum of Nature & Science IMAX theatre. The film is "Oceans: Our Blue Planet". Explore the largest mysterious habitat on Earth, showing a richer diversity in the ocean. Plan to leave church at 10:00 a.m. show begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch after the film at TREX. Your treat, your tab. Remember to sign up no later than Nov. 11th. For details please see the flyer. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

Global Bazaar Update:

- Save the date - **Saturday, December 1, 9am to 3pm**
- The next baking day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3rd**. Sign up in the back of church.
- We are currently **accepting applications** for our 10th annual Global Bazaar on Saturday, December 1. If you or someone you know is interested in selling a fair trade and/or quality item at the Bazaar, please contact Carol Willis (carolwillis80631@msn.com)

Our GEMS girls club is making soup, cookie, hot chocolate, and chia tea jars to sell at the Global Bazaar and we are looking for some donations. A sign up sheet for items we need is in the back of church. Please help if you can and sign up today. **We need the supplies by November 11**. If you have any questions please contact Julie Lamsma: julie.lamsma@gmail.com

Learn to use First CRC's new Cricutmachine. November 9th

First CRC Basement 7-9 pm. No need to bring anything but your ideas!

We will take you start to finish from downloading an image, making it into a cut file and then cutting it on the Cricut. The cut outs can be done on paper, vinyl, or even iron on vinyl. We'll focus on making a vinyl stencil that can then be used to paint a sign for your home.

Please RSVP to annrajewski@gmail.com so that we can make sure there are enough supplies for everyone.

- The green paper cutting device is missing from our media center. Please return this to the media center, so it is available for Fall craft projects.

How do you want to be remembered? Many people work towards advancing the Kingdom of God and Barnabas Foundation helps you achieve that goal. James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will help you develop the best possible plan to meet your family's needs and to ensure the ministries closest to your heart will be cared for as well. Jim will be meeting with families in our area Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Friday, Nov. 9. Call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888.448.3040 (Ext. 121) to get more details and schedule your complimentary appointment. To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled “7 Reasons to Review Your Will” by simply sending an e-mail request with “7 Reasons Request” in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Do you have a special prompting to pray for persecuted believers around the globe? When you learn of persecution, do you feel led to DO something, yet powerless to help? We are seeking a *Prayer Advocate* to choose a geographical area for focused prayer every two months, and educate us as a congregation on strategic prayer points. Office staff is available to help create prayer sheets and implement your ideas! Please contact Rebecca at the office #303.766.4936, or rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org.

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Our Regional representative and CRC Advocate attended a seminar on **engaging senior adults** in meaningful ways. At First CRC, we know many are very engaged in Sunday am worship, Wednesday nights, and in addition serving all over the city and beyond. We are trying to gather information regarding ways senior saints are worshipping, ministering and serving. Basically, how are you “freely sharing your lives,” and what are your “felt needs” within our worshipping community?” Please call the office, or send an email to connections@firstcrcdenver.org

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Did you know we have a confidential group of women that meets together in room 21 once per month, on the second Saturday from 10-12n, for support, prayer and encouragement? This group is designed for those who live with, and care for, a loved one battling mental illness issues. Contact czoetewey@comcast.net

Cribs needed! Joshua Station is a Christian transitional housing ministry in Denver. Their residents stay for about 18 months before moving on to more permanent housing. This means they have a turnover of rooms quite often and with that comes the need for a variety of furniture options. They currently are in need of some good quality cribs. If you have a crib that you are willing to donate, please contact Pat Holwerda at (720) 474-1076 or patholwerda@gmail.com. You will need to make arrangements with Pat to deliver your crib to Joshua Station directly.