

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.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *"Better Off?"* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*

Sending

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As we go into the world, we commit to putting the interests of others above our own.

In our thoughts, words, decisions, and actions, we will seek what is best for others.

We commit to turning our focus away from ourselves and onto those who are in need.

We will remember those the world has forgotten.

We humbly acknowledge that we can do this only through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for His strength and grace in our lives.

*Sending Song: *Hear Our Praises*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist Barb Hogan

Musicians: First CRC Band

Prayer For God's People

Please pray for conclusive results and wisdom for Don Eyser's medical team, as he undergoes an Echo TEE (camera scope test) to assess his congestive heart issues. Doctors will determine if he needs surgery. Don really appreciates your phone calls of support.

Please pray Psalms of healing and hope over a marriage in deep distress.

Please pray for Angie (friend to Ina and Joy Smit), who knits our First CRC baby booties, as she undergoes a mastectomy at Porters on Monday.

Continue to pray for Betty and Henry, along with Betty's brother Phil, currently in the hospital with a blot clot.

First Church Upcoming Activities

October 16 - Join your Grow Group for the 2nd IN/OUT gathering this season. You will gather for a meal together and an introduction to the next Psalm. First CRC will be focusing on a review of Psalm 146. Your elder/deacon team will give you more specifics. Meal Locations will be:

GG #1~ Berghuis/Bol at the Newcombe home: 2158 S. Clarkson 80210

GG #2~ Waanders/Lighthiser at the Waander's: 3180 S. Humboldt 80113

GG #3~ DenBraber/Buteyn in Emerson House: 1826 S. Emerson 80210

GG #4~ Schmitt/VandenBoogaard in Pit Stop Garage (next to church)

GG #5~ DeHaan/Van Andel in Rooms 12/13 (downstairs)

GG #6~ Schans/Nibbelink in Fellowship Hall (adjoining the kitchen)

If you are unsure which Grow Group you are in, contact Shirley Van Heukelem at shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or call the office, 9-3 Tuesday through Friday.

Memorization is one of the tools we use to hide God's Word in our hearts. To encourage us as we memorize some of the Psalms this year, we have two people who have agreed to listen to anyone who would like to recite Psalm 146 (and receive a little treat). Ina Smit and Walt Ackerman are the people to look for if you want to recite Psalm 146 before October 16. Please visit the **Memorization Station** set up in the foyer with ideas for your family to "*take home and try*" games, puzzles, coloring sheets, etc. Look for a Psalm 146 CD in the basket today!

Join A Small Group

At First, we want to be a community where people can be known and encouraged in their faith. Groups are a great way to experience this! Check out the small groups that are starting this fall & don't miss the opportunity to join in. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the facilitator:

Listening Prayer - Facilitated by Cathy Van Donselaar

As a group, grow together in learning and practicing listening to God through prayer. Ascending Leaders materials will be used. **Sundays from 7:00- 8:30 pm at the Van Donselaar's home**, Southglenn Mall area.

Hymn Study (Winter/Spring 2017) – Facilitated by Henry Zoetewey

If you would be interested in a small group that will study old hymns together, seeing what they have to teach us and how they encourage us in our faith, please sign up in the back or let Henry Zoetewey know.

What does it mean to be an "n" Christian follower of Jesus? The Prayer Group For Persecuted Believers, an intergenerational, interdenominational group of men and women, meet to study *Voice of the Martyrs* curriculum entitled **I am "N"** (Arabic Letter *nun* for Nazarene) on the second Monday of each month from **9:15am-10:30am** at First CRC.

Senior Moments: Mark Your Calendars for **October 18:** Dominoes, games, lunch at Duffy's. Details will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Posthumus: 303-947-1085.

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

October 10-Eileen Ruter-8308 E Costilla Ave, Centennial

October 24-TBD

November 7- Briana Van Andel – 2935 S. Akron Court

November 21- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

Opportunities to Serve & Support:

The Fall meeting of Classis Rocky Mountain will be hosted by First Christian Reformed Church Denver on **October 14-15!** Please be in prayer for an uplifting and encouraging time to share God's work among us. We have a chairperson and food plans, but would like to recruit members who might like to serve and help prepare for our upcoming gathering. If you know you will be unavailable, but would like to supply some cookies, bars or baked goods, we would love to have *coffee treats* to share with our guests. Please contact the church office if you would enjoy helping or supplying baked goods: 303.733.4936 ext. 102!

Cascade of Hope Conversation Groups

ESL conversation groups will continue this year at Mountain View on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 on **Oct. 5 & 19 and Nov. 2, 16, 30.** If you are interested, call Avigaiel Emanuel at (303) 578-6322. This is a great way to get to know people and share life stories.

Come Alongside A Friend In Poverty

Cross Purpose: *Uprise*, the faith-based version of *Upstream Impact*, is looking for volunteers to come alongside people in poverty as they move through a holistic program geared toward getting out of poverty. Those interested, please contact Fred Ritsema for more information.

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

Requesting Sweet Treat Bakers!!! Call Kelli at [928-970-1814](tel:928-970-1814) if you'd like to "bake up a storm" of delicious treats for upcoming Canterbury Garden visits. Details later!!

Council News

The Director of Faith Formation Search Committee has heartily recommended that Council consider **Rev. Bret Lamsma** for this position. Bret currently serves as Pastor of Youth and Education at Immanuel CRC in Ripon, California. Bret and his wife Julie will be worshiping with us on **October 9** and will be interviewing with the Council on October 11. In addition, Bret will be offering a short meditation at our **Family Night Worship time on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30** and all are invited to attend. After Bret's visit, the Council will vote on whether or not to recommend him to the congregation. Please join the Council in welcoming Bret and Julie to First CRC and in praying for wisdom and discernment as we seek God's will for our church.

Library News:

Our Library downstairs has a lovely display shelf for Pastor Joel's Sermon Series on the *Psalms*, located on the West wall shelves. Check it out! Please remember to return all DVD's from Grow Group lessons, to the Library. Thank you Betty and Thelma for keeping our Library updated and fun!