

Council Updates

With joy, Council approved a motion to be the calling church for Ahnna Park. You may recall, First Church prayed for Ahnna and her husband Paul following his stroke and subsequent care. Ahnna currently serves as Children's Ministry Pastor & Education Director at Redeemer Christian Church. Ahnna will be examined by *Classis Rocky Mountain* in October. For more about Ahnna and her ministry: [Ahnna Park](#)

Thank you to everyone that participated by donating blood and volunteering during the First CRC Community Blood Drive. If you were unable to donate this week, and still desire to give blood, please contact **Vitalant** at: #303-363-2300 or visit www.vitalant.org.



Benevolence Fund: Due to the challenges that the COVID-19 crises has brought to almost every household, our Benevolence Fund may be of assistance to you or someone you know. Please contact your household deacon or Beth Posthumus, Benevolence treasurer. All requests are kept confidential. Beth@firstcrcdenver.org

Worship Updates

Last week's message from Pastor Joel Schreurs:
<https://youtu.be/2BWJGDutWpc>

Link for Today's Service:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa_g/videos

Signup for Indoor Worship: 9am or 10:30am Service:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aaca72eabfe3-sunday>

Sermon Notes



**FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**
DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday, October 4, 2020

*A Family of God Living Our Faith and Growing by Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives and Humbly embracing the Hurting...
We sense God leading us to: Disciple in place, Stay connected and Act Locally.*

*Welcome to worship! If you are new to First Church, thank you for joining us!
We would love to connect with you more. Please text "visitors" to 94000.*

Gathering

Prelude

*Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

**Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

**Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

*Song: *Praise the Lord Ye Heavens*

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 19

Song: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* LUYH 747

Offering: Platt Park Children's Center <http://plattparkchildrenscenter.com/>

If you would like to give to the ongoing ministry of First CRC as a part of your worship today, you can do so by mailing a check to First CRC, through the "Church Center" App, or by texting any amount to **84321**. Offering plates are available at the Welcome tables.

Word

Scripture: [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Free at Last!*

*Song of Response: *For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free* 679

Sending

*Sending: from Galatians 5

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;

Rather, we will serve one another humbly in love.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Blessing

*Postlude

UP~ Stay Connected

Persecuted Believer's Prayer Focus: October 4-11 we pray together for converts to Christianity in Myanmar. Pray God will sustain and protect new believers in Jesus who are enduring humiliation, attacks and economic consequences for proclaiming and practicing faith in Jesus Christ.

We pray for former members of First CRC: **Zinah Dupree and her children Jake and Addison** (now residing in Tennessee). Nick Borgia, father and friend, was fatally injured in a tragic motorcycle accident in Aurora last Friday. Visitation will be held on **October 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm** at Olinger Hampden Mortuary & Cemetery, 8600 East Hampden Ave, Denver, CO. A funeral Service will be held on **October 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm** at Olinger Hampden Mortuary & Cemetery, 8600 East Hampden Ave, Denver, CO. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/denver-co/nicholas-borgia-9382720>

Pray for sustaining grace and a fresh awareness of God's care, for a beloved member recovering from two recent surgeries.

Please pray for increased mobility and pain relief for **Amy Blahnik**, recovering from an auto accident, and for her children as they care for her.

We thank God for the gift of worshipping together as a church family, and ask for His peace to envelop us all, as we continue adapting to continuous changes all around us.

IN ~ Disciple IN Place

You are invited to join Pastor Joel for "**Spaghetti Sessions**" on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month **from 7pm to 8 pm**. These gatherings will be held via Zoom, and will be a time when we can dig deeper into Sunday's Scripture text together, ask questions about the sermon, and prayerfully discern how God might be asking us to live in light of His Word. Join us online for the **October 14th & 28th** sessions: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154853629?pwd=NnpDVmk3RGYrbFlBS2J2TE5Wb3VXZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 5485 3629 Passcode: 287764

Youth Group in the Sanctuary from **5-7pm** tonight. Bring your mask. We will be practicing safe spacing.

Pastor Bret's Class on the **Color of Compromise** will meet **October 6th**, during two time slots to accommodate a group in rooms **12/13 at 6:30pm**; and a second group in **Fellowship Hall**, from **7:30pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Bret if you have any questions: bret@firstcrcdenver.org.

Sunday School Videos and Lessons for last week & this week: *Promises Video & Printable Lesson 1.1 & 1.2:* https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HLgWTqOEe5ZW_DwMu3JmAq-BE9dUGaTqM6PBFtMuZl0/edit

OUT ~ Act Locally

Dorothy Triemstra would love some visitors to help her connect with friends and family of First CRC. Grace also needs someone to sit with her mom while she runs errands. Call Dorothy to set a time: #303-759-0858.

The Table: Our 9th annual harvest party will look a little (A LOT) different this year. Yet we will still celebrate the harvest in style. Join us on Saturday, October 10 for Croptoberfest dinner to go. We will be roasting a pig and have pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and cornbread to go. We will have curbside pick up at the Table Public House from 4 to 6 PM. We will also be offering tours of the Public House so you can see what we're up to and what we're planning down on the river. Order ahead or just show up between 4 and 6. If you can swing it, we suggest \$15 per person or it's a Veggie Bike style pricing system - FREE. To reserve your food, make a donation, and/or learn more, go to www.denvertable.org/croptoberfest

Help Claire Help Kids: **Green Collection bin is at the South Welcome area.** YFC Chaplain Claire Froehlich needs snacks and activities for kids at *Mt. View* (ages 13-20) and *Devereux* (ages 8-15) Correctional facilities: Women's basketballs, Women's sized footballs
Softball gloves and softballs
Sidewalk chalk, Tie-dye kits
School supplies:
Individual packs of markers, crayons, Erasers
College rules lined paper, Poster board
Construction Paper, Water color paints
Paint brushes, Dry erase markers
claire@yfcdenver.org #720-771-0517.

Long Scraggy Work Day: 9:00am, Saturday, **October 10th**, 2020
Food, Fellowship and Fun while preparing *Long Scraggy Ranch* for Winter. Contact John C. to RSVP for lunch #303-838-7770. Same day camping is available in exchange for effort: 20203 Spring Creek Trail, Pine 80470.

Global Bazaar News: We will not be able to host our Global Bazaar this year, but we will still sell *banket* (Dutch almond pastry) and *pigs-in-the-blanket*. Profit from the sales go to mission partner, Margaret Njuguna, at En Gedi Children's Home in Kenya: www.en-gedichildrenwithhope.org

Pre-sold baked goods will be made as orders are placed. The price remains the same as last year: \$25/dozen pigs-in-the-blanket and \$8/stick of *banket*. Place your orders for both of these items **until November 15** by contacting Shirley at shirley.vanheukelem@gmail.com or 303-419-8254.