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People of God, as we go out into the world, let us be fully devoted to God and serve Him alone

The Lord alone is our God (Deut. 6:4)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With our whole heart we seek you; let us not wander from

Your commandments (Ps. 119:10)

Love the Lord your God with all your soul

As the deer pants for water, so our souls pant for You (Ps. 42:1)

Love the Lord your God with all your mind

We will not conform to the ways of this world, but we will be

transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2)

Love the Lord your God with all your strength

We offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to

God—this is our true and proper worship (Romans 12:1)

*Sending Song: *I Will Follow*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Dr. Jeff Weima

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper

Accompanist Christy Bol

Musicians: First CRC Band; Joel Schreurs, Aaron Elgersma

Library News:

Our Library downstairs has a new display shelf for Pastor Joel's Sermon Series on the *Psalms*, located on the West wall shelves. Come and check it out!

Prayer For God's People

We give special thanks for each and every volunteer teacher, leader and helper, offering their time and talents to teach our church family God's Holy Word. May the Spirit of God equip and empower each teacher and student.

Praise for God's providence, protection and healing for Joe Schaefer, Rebecca's son, following a rollover accident. Please continue to pray for Joe and his children: Brecken, Grayson and Benjamin.

We offer thanks and praise to God for a speedy recovery for Elaine Lim, who was taken to the ER last week after a fall, leaving her with a damaged tail bone and several cuts and scrapes.

Don and Betty Eyser greatly appreciate your prayers for strength and recovery following his recent kidney and breathing problems, and for healing of her painful knee issue.

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

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 today, or any time between now and October 16.

We also have a **Memorization Station** set up in the foyer with ideas for your family to "take home and try" games, puzzles, coloring sheets, etc.

Small Group Sign-Ups TODAY in the foyer. Please take a look at the various small group opportunities available at First Church to deepen relationships with God, our Father, and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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** here at First CRC.

GEMS (girls grades 1-8) Save the Date! Girls, please mark **Saturday, September 24, 2016** and **Sunday, September 25, 2016** down on your calendars for the GEMS Camp Out and Splash Party up at Long Scraggy Ranch. We will enjoy God's beauty while we dive into this year's theme. Moms of GEMS girls are welcome to join in the fun. If you have questions, please feel free to email or call/text GEMS leader, Jessica Benson: crazybout2kids@gmail.com 303-912-5517.

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
September 26-Allie Christians - 2717 S Osceola Way, Denver, CO 8026
October 10-Eileen Ruter-8308 E Costilla Ave, Centennial
October 24-
November 7- Briana Van Andel
November 21- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

Opportunities to Serve & Support:

Nursery Help needed Wednesday evenings and Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The fall schedule starts this week! We are so blessed to have all the faithful and dedicated volunteers needed to lead our children and all of us as we grow in our lives with Jesus. One big need that we still have is people willing to watch the little children in the nursery during the Family Night classes and the Sunday School educational hour. If you are interested in serving in this way, please notify Shirley Van Heukelem - shirley@firstcrcdenver.org.

A big thank you to those who donated all the awesome items to Platt Park Children's Center, 1601 S. Clarkson St. 80210

We are most grateful! Platt Park Children's Center is selling **Butter Braid pastries**. Flyers are in the back of church near the coffee basket, or contact Platt Park to order 303-282-7722 or ppcc@plattparkchildrenscenter.com. This is a delicious way to support our community preschool!

Wilderness on Wheels *Give a Day* on **October 1, from 9-1pm**, is an opportunity to support a former First Church member, Barbara Cramer, who lives on-site and hosts this beautiful camping area uniquely designed for accessibility to all campers, including: quadriplegics, paraplegics and others with physical challenges. Volunteers of all ages and capabilities sweep wooden ramps, smooth the dirt road, clean out buildings, paint and pick up trash. This family friendly place is near Kenosha pass. Please visit: www.wildernessonwheels.org and contact rebecca@firstcrcdenver.org.

Count Committee Report: 9/04 and 9/11

The Council is appreciative of your generous and faithful tithes and offerings.

General Fund: \$13,051.35

VIA: 286.00

Cascade of Hope 250.00

The anticipated offering for a two-week count is \$26,402.20.

Requested Announcements:

Marriage Retreat in Colorado Springs!

Third Christian Reformed Church invites 4-5 couples from our church to join them at a weekend marriage retreat at the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs, **November 4-6** (Friday at 3pm to Sunday at 11am). Pastor Rob Toornstra from Sunnyside CRC in Salem, OR will be the facilitator of this retreat, talking about "Embracing the Mystery of Marriage," a look at God's design for intimacy.

The cost per couple is \$300; First CRC will help defray the cost by \$150, so the cost per couple will be only \$150. This includes 2 nights at the Embassy Suites, free breakfast and evening appetizers, and the expenses for Pastor Toornstra. Sign up and \$50 deposit deadline is October 23, but there are only 4 or 5 available rooms, so the sooner you commit, the better. Contact Shirley Van Heukelem shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or 303.733.4936 x 104.

3DM STAND Women's Equipping Event: Sept. 30-October 1, 2016

Join us for the Women's Equipping 3DM Stand Event Friday September 30 to Saturday October 1. The focus is all about what it looks like to live a *missional* life across the spectrum from worship space to home to workspace and within your areas of influence: Women of all ages (teens on up!) will be worshiping, learning, and processing how to live into the fullness of their identity in Christ wherever planted, with the gifts and talents they possess and the capacity available right now.

We have some fabulous Early Bird Pricing for registrations made before **September 20th**. After the 20th, prices will jump \$20 per ticket. The event location is at **Faith Community** 6228 S Carr Ct. Littleton, 80123. Childcare and meals are not provided at this event.

Here's the Early Bird Deal and partial Scholarships are available through Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, buy 3 get 1 free! As soon as 3 people from First Church register, Shirley will confirm registrations, and then apply for the fourth free person! **Register at:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-womens-equipping-weekend-denver-area-tickets-26702023471> We look forward to an impactful and uplifting weekend together.