

## Church Calendar for September 25, 2016

### Sunday ~ September 25: Age-specific Sunday School & Catechism

Pastor Joel is preaching; offering is for *Crossroads Bible Institute*

**10:45 am** – Sending reception for David, Kim and Aubrynn Csepe

**11:00am** – Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Room & Sunday School

**11:00am – 12noon – Education Hour Nursery: Jill Newcombe**

**5:00pm -7:00pm – Youth Group**

### Monday ~ September 26 –

6:30pm - Count Committee

### Tuesday ~ September 27

1:00pm – Staff meeting

### Wednesday ~ September 28: Family Night – Staff serving Supper

6:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study in Emerson House

**5:45pm - Family Night Meal: GEMS/Cadets/Coffee Break**

Nursery: Erin Reynolds

### Thursday ~ September 29

9:30am - 11:30 am – Sew & Sews Sewing group

### Friday ~ September 30

9:00am - Library Ladies

3DM STAND Women's Conference

### Saturday ~ October 1

3DM STAND Women's Conference at Faith Community Church

### Sunday ~ October 2: Age-specific Sunday School & Catechism

Pastor Joel Preaching from Psalms; offering is for General Fund

**11:00am to 12 noon: Newcomer Lunch with staff; host Eric DenBraber**

**11:00am – 12noon - Education Hour Nursery: Jenn & Eric Van Otterloo**

**Welcome to all of our visitors and guests!** Please fill out a *Connect Card* found in the pews. Children's Bulletins called *Sweet Rewards* are available in back for kids to draw on, and return for a surprise. Elders are up front for prayer and to answer any questions about the education hour. Cake will be served in the foyer/patio area for David, Kim and Aubrynn Csepe's sending reception.

**Our monthly Newcomer Lunch with staff members** will be hosted by Eric DenBraber in the Emerson House from **11-12 noon on October 2**. If you are new, newish or just visiting, please come next door to the white **Emerson House** directly South of the church for lunch! No reservations required and children are welcome!

### Thank you to all serving THIS Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:

Nursery: **Becky Vermeer**, Keith Bol, Zinah Borgia, Jack Waanders, Ali Schroder

Children in Worship: *A Rainy, Rainy Day*, Kelsie Ruter, Marissa & Erica Bol

Prayer Ministry Elders: Ed Schans & Sheri DeHaan

Sound: Bob Reynolds Slides: Richard Mannes Video: Eliana Reynolds

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #2

Coffee: Vander Ark/Schuttinga

### Thank you to all serving NEXT Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nursery: TBD

Children in Worship: *Count The Stars* with Jill Schreurs, Isaac/Mathew Jonker

Prayer Ministry Elders: Eric Den Braber & Nancy Waanders

Sound: Jon Waanders Slides: Gabe Zoetewey Video: Isaac Jonker

DVD Delivery: Grow Group #3

Coffee: Buteyn

## Global & Local Mission News:

**Nicaragua Team** - Have you wanted to serve abroad in a meaningful way? Consider joining the group going to Nicaragua this spring. They will provide much needed children's programming at an annual retreat for missionaries who serve in Central America, including the Starkenburgs, our mission partners in Nicaragua. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Pastor Joel.

**Croptoberfest- Oct. 15. It's our 5th birthday!** Join us in celebrating the harvest at the **Meyer Garden at 1850 S. Odgen St. in Denver**. This fundraiser for **The Table** celebrates nearly 4,000 pounds of fresh food, grown and shared, as tangible grace in the neighborhood, just this season. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.denvertable.org](http://www.denvertable.org).

### Age-Specific Sunday School and Catechism classes TODAY

**September 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday School from 11:00am to noon.** 3 year olds through 2nd Grade will meet in their classrooms from **11:00 to 11:40**.

At **11:40** they will gather in the **sanctuary** for a time of singing, and dismissal to parents. Nursery will also be available downstairs during the education hour.

4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet in their classrooms from **11:00 to 11:30** and in **Rooms 12/13 for Magnify** activities from **11:30 to noon**. High School students meet in their classrooms from **11:00-12 noon**. Sunday School room assignments are as follows:

- ✦ 3's: **Purple rm #30**                                      4's & Kinders: **Blue rm #31**
- ✦ 1st & 2nd Grade: **Green rm #32**    3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: **Red rm. #35**
- ✦ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Yellow rm #33**                                      7<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Youth rm #34**
- ✦ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Library**                                      9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism: **Pit Stop**
- ✦ 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism: **Room 21 \*relocating**
- ✦ Magnify in rooms 12/13 (at 11:30 am)

**Please remember these dates** for meetings with your **Grow Groups five more** times this year:– **October 16, November 20, January 8, February 12, and March 19**. Locations will be posted in advance. There will always be one group meeting at church for visitors and those who prefer not to drive. *No Sunday School during the Grow Group gatherings.*



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## Order of Worship ~ September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-6

Praise the Lord.

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

I will praise the Lord all my life.

**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

**He remains faithful forever.**

\*Song: *Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah* LUYH 518

\*Song: *Sing to the King*

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

### Renewal

Confession:

Leader: Let us ask God together to forgive us our sins.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God,**

**for the many ways we fall short of your glory.**

**Help us to learn to live together according to your ways  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance

Song: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Offering & Offertory: Cross Roads Bible Institute

\* An asterisk notes the congregation will stand; **bold** indicates spoken responses.

## 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: Philippians 3:17-4:1 page 1180

Sermon: *A Political Statement* Pastor Joel Schreurs

Prayer for Application

Song of Response: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

## Sending

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Sending Song: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

### Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs  
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper  
Accompanist Barb Hogan  
Musicians: First CRC Band

**Reminder: Choir Rehearsal** in the fellowship room at 11:00am today!

### Prayer For God's People

We give special thanks for the Csepe family. They have touched our hearts and equipped us to love and serve the Lord Jesus. We bless them on their way to Ohio, and pray for God's provision, protection and purpose to be affirmed along the way.

Our thanks to each and every one of our dear church family members for your prayers, concerns, cards, e-mail, phone messages and other notes of encouragement. Thank you too, for those who have volunteered to be with Henry so I can go on my errands. This has been a long journey for both of us. God is with us 24/7 through this difficult journey. We feel the comfort of prayer from all of you. BLESSINGS, Betty & Henry

Pray for our GEMS leaders and students, that their Long Scraggy retreat time this weekend will draw them ever nearer to our loving Lord Jesus.

We pray for Elaine Lim as she transitions to Memphis, TN, and thank God for the life season we shared while she completed her education at DU.

### 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 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!

### 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. Check it out!

### 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.

### "Forgotten God" - Focusing on the Holy Spirit -

Facilitated by Jeff & Allie Christians

Grow in community and in your faith as you encourage one another to embrace the Holy Spirit's direction in your daily life. Francis Chan's book, *Forgotten God*, will be used. **Sundays 4:00-6:00 at First. Childcare provided in the nursery.**

### Possible Hymn Study (Winter/Spring 2017)

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** here at First CRC.

### 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**-  
**November 7**- Briana Van Andel  
**November 21**- Molly Hanson 6764 E. Vassar Ave, Denver 80234

**Youth Group - Our first regular meeting is this week, September 25** and we can't wait to dig in! Please join us at the church for a meal, some games and a lesson from **5-7 pm**. See you then!

### Opportunities to Serve & Support:

**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.

**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 plan, but would like to recruit members who might like to serve and help prepare for our upcoming gathering. Please contact the church office if you would enjoy helping 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 in volunteering, contact Avigaiel Emanuel at (303)578-6322 or cascadeofhope@gmail.com. This is a great way to get to know people who are learning English through Cascade of Hope.

### 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 them out of poverty. Those interested, please contact Fred Ritsema for more information.

### Requested Announcements:

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

Join us for the Women's Equipping 3DM Stand event. The focus is all about what it looks like to live a *missional* life across the spectrum from worship space to home to workspace. The event location is at **Faith Community** 6228 S Carr Ct. Littleton, 80123. Childcare and meals are not provided at this event. **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.

#### **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.