

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*

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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.