

## 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154853629?pwd=NnpDVmk3RGYrbFBS2J2TE5Wb3VXZz09)

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Meeting ID: 821 5485 3629 Passcode: 287764

## 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 or takes a break from this time of caregiving. Mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Give Dorothy a call at 303-759-0858 and let her know when you can stop by.

**Help Claire Help Kids:** **Big Green Collection bin is at the Welcome table.**

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](mailto:claire@yfcdenver.org) 720-771-0517.

**Long Scraggy Work Day:** 9:00am, October 10, 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 be selling *banket* (Dutch almond pastry) and *pigs-in-the-blanket*. All the profit from the sales will go to our mission partner, En Gedi Children's Home in Kenya. These items will be pre-sold and we will only make as many as are ordered. The price remains the same as last year: \$25/dozen pigs-in-the-blanket and \$8/stick of banket. You can place your orders for both of these items **until November 15** by contacting Shirley at [shirley.vanheukelem@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.vanheukelem@gmail.com) or 303-419-8254.

## Council Updates

- The Elders approved a proposal from staff to move worship gatherings indoors at First CRC in reserved groups of 50 beginning **October 4**. Two services will be offered each Sunday to accommodate more people (9:00 & 10:30 AM). These services will also continue to be live streamed. We will adhere to the recommendations and regulations of the state regarding church gatherings, and masks will be required at all times for those who are not leading the service.
- 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](#)

## From the Deacons

1. We encourage you to participate in our **First CRC Community Blood Drive** we are holding this **Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 2-6pm at First Church, in Fellowship Hall**. If you can give blood, please call **Vitalant** directly (formerly Bonfils Blood Center) at: #303-363-2300 or visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) **18 of 28** spots are filled! *Invite friends and neighbors to donate during this community event; all participants will be screened for Covid antibodies.*
2. **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](mailto:Beth@firstcrcdenver.org)

## Worship Updates:

Message from Pastor Joel Schreurs:

<https://youtu.be/2BWJGDutWpc>

Link for Today's Service:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa\\_g/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2pKBRog6bWCI2Sgl9VHa_g/videos)

Signup for Indoor Worship, Beginning October 4th: 9am or 10:30am Service:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aaca72eabfe3-sunday>

Promises Video & Printable Lesson 1.1: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/13ggn5asVcZd4-DV59cNs9WOBInPHcAbGUL1pZs3GdV4/edit?usp=sharing>



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

DENVER, COLORADO

*Sunday, September 27, 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

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: from the Gospel of John

\*Song: *O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus* LUYH 796

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of Thy love—  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to Thy glorious rest above!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loves us, ever loves us,  
changes never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
died to call them all His own;  
how for them He's interceding,  
watching o'er them from the throne!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to Thee!

\*God's Greeting

## Renewal

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Song: *Psalm 23*

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green;  
He leads me by the still still waters.  
His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone.  
For Your endless mercy follows me.  
Your goodness will lead me home.

Verse 2

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil.  
And my cup, it overflows with joy.  
I feast on His pure delights.

Verse 3

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one.  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

**Offering: General Fund** 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 box will be available after the service (inside the gate).

Children in Worship Dismissal with Kelsie Ruter

Scripture: [Exodus 17:1-7](#)

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *In this Place*

Song of Assurance: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace— how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free;  
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains  
unending love, amazing grace.

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Refrain

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

Refrain

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## Sending

Sending Words

\*Sending Song: *Christ Is Enough*

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion..  
Now there's nothing in this world  
that could ever satisfy.  
Through every trial my soul will sing,  
no turning back I've been set free.

Chorus

Christ is enough for me.  
Christ is enough for me.  
Everything I need is in You.  
Everything I need.

Christ my all in all. the joy of my salvation.  
And this hope will never fail,  
Jesus will return.  
Through every storm my soul will sing,  
the Spirit is here to God be the glory!

Bridge

I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back no turning back. 2x  
The cross before me the world behind me  
No turning back no turning back. 2x

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

## **Up ~ Stay Connected**

**September 27 - October 4.** *Pray for persecuted believers in Iraq, especially a growing discipleship initiative for women teaching and studying the Bible across seven villages.*

Text prayer to: 32500 for updates from *Open Door*.

We pray for provision for our local mission partner, **YFC Chaplain Claire Froehlich**, as she discerns new ways to share the love of Jesus with incarcerated youth. We pray protection over those children.

Please pray for **Amy Blahnik**, as she recovers from a severe auto accident. Pray for her family, as they care for her at home. To send a note or card: 7079 Estes Drive, Arvada 80004

We pray for those in recovery from falls, back injury, and surgery.

**Fred Ritsema's** knee replacement surgery went well, and he is doing PT and exercises. Thanks to all who supported us with calls, texts, cards, emails, meals and especially with prayers. *Fred & Kathy*

After celebrating the wedding of **Gabe and Rachel** last Friday, Hank & Miriam would like to thank the members of the congregation who supported and befriended our family as part of God's covenant, helping us raise our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. *Henry & Miriam Zoetewey*

Hello Denver Friends!

We will be hosting an online concert event featuring Adam Wright. He will be performing scripture songs from his new album *Remember & Proclaim*. The concert will begin at **4 p.m. This Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

We have created a Facebook Event which includes the Zoom link for this event! Click [HERE](#) for that Facebook event page. Let me know if you have any questions! Trish VanDusseldorp, (303) 756-2121 [Hope Fellowship CRC](#)

**Attention Families!** Everyone is invited to a day away at *Long Scraggy Ranch* on **October 3 beginning at 10**. We will have archery, fishing, hiking, frisbee golf, and other activities for kids and adults to participate in. Bring your own picnic lunch and we will provide some drinks and snacks. Come enjoy a day in the mountains with your family. Bring along any of your own fishing equipment, bikes, yard games, or other activities you'd like to do. Camping is also available if anyone is interested. Please let Pastor Bret know if you will be joining us for this day away. This event is sponsored by the First Church Cadet and GEMS clubs.