

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ September 29

11:00am ~ Age-specific Sunday School Pre-K thru High School

11:00am ~ Climate Awareness Class in 12/13; Children sing in Fellowship

Monday ~ September 30 *Classical Conversations*

6:30pm – Count Committee

Tuesday ~ October 1 ~ 1:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday ~ October 2 *FAMILY NIGHT

8:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study in Emerson

9:30am – Women’s Am Bible Study in 12/13

5:45pm – Family Meal 6:30pm: GEMS, Cadets, Movie Discussion, Holy Yoga

Thursday ~ October 3 – Sew & Sews in rm. 12/13

Friday ~ October 4: Classis in Houston ~ Pastor Joel attending

9-11 - Library

Saturday ~ October 5

Sunday ~ October 6 Pastor Joel at Classis; DFF Dr. Bret Lamsma preaching;

Offering is for Living Water Well Sponsorship: *Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience "Living Water"—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.*

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Welcome visitors and guests. If you have any questions, please come up front after service. A Pastor or Elder will be available to talk and/or pray. Take a minute to fill out a *Connect Card* (in the pew pocket) and return to an Elder or Pastor. You are welcome to attend any class today (children need signed permission slips available above the office door).

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 29th

Children in Worship: Lea Gunnett, Darin Gunnett, Davis Addink, Logan Posthumus

Nursery Leader: Charys Youngsma, Eli Vermeer, Jacob Van Donselaar, Mieke Waanders

Camera: Owen Vermeer **Lyrics:** Lilli Vermeer **Sound:** Cory Vermeer

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Jim DeHaan

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, October 6th

Children in Worship: Becky Vermeer, Charlotte Reynolds, Katherine Elgersma

Nursery Leader: Karen Waanders, Erin Reynolds, Laurie Sanderson, Evy Keyes

Camera: Davis Addink **Lyrics:** Dan Addink **Sound:** Kyle Cooper

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Buteyn/Buys

The Global Bazaar is happening again this year on Saturday, **December 7**, from 9am to 2pm. Mark your calendars for the December 7 date and for the following baking days. We will be making *banket* (almond-filled pastry) & pig-in-the-blankets (pastry wrapped sausages) to sell at the bazaar.

- Saturday, October 12 - 9am to noon
- Saturday, October 19 - 9am to noon
- Saturday, November 9 - 9am to noon
- Saturday, November 23 - 9am to noon
- Saturday, November 30 - 9am to noon

No experience necessary. We will teach you how to do this and we'll all have a fun time doing it. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to our mission partner, En-Gedi Children's Home in Kenya.

Climate Care Discussion: On **September 29** and **October 6** we will be hosting a 2-week discussion on climate care led by Barry Meyer. Mr. Meyer was a high school biology teacher for many years and is an advocate for climate care. As a guide, we will be using a curriculum put together by *World Renew* that focuses on climate change in Bangladesh. Please join us for this very important discussion in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on September 29 and October 6. If you have any questions, please ask any Deacon or Pastor Bret.

Council News:

The following Elders and Deacons will be concluding their service in Council the summer of 2020: Deacons James Timmer and Aaron Buys; Elders Cal VanHeukelem and Anne Buteyn and Treasurer Chris Lighthiser. We thank them for their ongoing service to the ministry of First CRC. Council will be considering new nominations soon, please let us know the names of individuals you believe would be a good fit to serve on Council at First CRC and why. Contact Sandie Posthumus at Clerk@Firstcrcdenver.org or your household elder/deacon.

Congratulations to Jonathon Cady who was ordained by Trinity CRC in Sparta, MI as a Minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. Jonathan served as an intern at Trinity CRC before graduating from Calvin Seminary.

Council remains grateful to the congregation for the continued faithful support of the Christian Education Assistance Fund. If you have questions about this program and how it works or how you can contribute, please contact a committee member or your household Elder or Deacon:
Troy Newcombe - troynewcombe@gmail.com,
Keith Bol - kmbol@hotmail.com
Laurie Sanderson

Missionary Celebrations:

October Birthdays ~

Jeanine Broek - 1st

Craig Broek - 22nd

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Volunteer Overseas with a *World Renew* Group - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With *World Renew's* Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Circle of Hope Oct. 12th, 10:00 am in rm 21- Small group setting for encouragement to those supporting a loved one with mental illness. Contact czoetewey@comcast.net for more details.

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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DENVER, COLORADO

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Sunday, September 29th, 2019 Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-5

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.

*Song: *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

*Psalm 146:6-10

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

He remains faithful forever.

**He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets prisoners free,

the Lord gives sight to the blind,

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

*Songs:

We Will Extol You God and King LUYH 562

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above LUYH 572 (v.s 1,2,4)

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God blesses those who realize their need for Him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.

But we have been proud in spirit,
inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency.
We have forgotten how needy we are.

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

But we have not mourned over our sins,
instead we have insulated ourselves from those around us,
from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering.
We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware
that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly,
for the whole earth will be their inheritance.

But we have valued toughness over gentleness.
We have too often chosen to be concerned with ourselves
rather than with our brothers and sisters and neighbors.
Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves
rather than our Father.

God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice,
for they will receive it in full.

**But we have hungered after the pleasures,
prestige, and possessions of this temporal world.**
Like Esau, we have despised our birthright by choosing to satisfy
our immediate desires.

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others.
We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves.
We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need.

God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.
**But we have defiled our hearts with idols of our own choosing,
doubting that God will keep His Word and His promises.**
We continually compromise the truth
by trying to find meaning and security
in our jobs, our friends, our pleasures, our projects— but not in God.

God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.
But we are often at war with one another.
In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to.
We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves.
We often create strife by demanding our way
rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
But we have too often retreated from the disapproval of others.
We've sought to please the world rather than
risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah.
We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne,
rather than an honor to be humbly received.

Lord, please show us Your mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Song of Renewal: *Jesu Fill Us With Your Love* LUYH 299

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:16-18
This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.
If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no
pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?
Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Offering: Platt Park Children's Center

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Word

Children In Worship Sending:

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: Luke 16:19-31 pg. 1049
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *What's In a Name?*

Prayer for Application

*Song of Response: *We Are Called* LUYH 296

Sending

*Sending: from 1 Timothy 6
Flee from the love of money, which plunges people into ruin and
destruction, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
endurance and gentleness.
**We will fight the good fight of the faith,
taking hold of the eternal life to which you were called**
Do not be arrogant nor put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain,
**Instead, we will put our hope in God,
who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**
Be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share.
**In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm
foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of
the life that is truly life.**

*Sending Song: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

*Blessing

***Postlude:**
Minister of the Word: Pastor Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper with First CRC Band
Accompanist: Christy Bol

Up ~ Prayer and Praise

Uganda is our prayer focus for **September and October**. Believers in Uganda are
being disowned for their faith. The Christian church is in danger. See the display on
the silver message board. Take a prayer sheet; give the bottom half to a praying
friend. Do you have a country suggestion for November/December? The worship
team would like to highlight praise from each country so our voices may be one.

We thank God for the beautiful world He created, and ask to be equipped as
stewards of His creation. May the Holy Spirit stop us from waste, greed or
polluting.

Please pray for strengthened faith for **Jane Eaton**, (Rebecca Schaefer's friend) in
Hospice care for glioblastoma. Pray for friends and family, as they encourage,
support and provide peaceful presence. Pray for her twin, Carol, brother David
and children: Sam, Claire and Marie to be drawn near to their Heavenly Father.

We pray for the presence of our Lord to bring sustaining grace to **Jack and Jean
Allen** and family.

Birthday Blessings to our dear **Mildred Schemper**, turning 98, on October 2nd!
Address: Someren Glen, 5000 East Arapahoe Rd. #325B
Centennial, CO 80122 *Sign her birthday cards in the foyer made by Kid's Club!

On Thursday, September 26, we welcomed **Hayes Markus Ruter** into the world!
We are praising God for our healthy boy! *Luke & Kelsie Ruter*

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

**Family Night October 2 ~ GEMS/Cadets/CoffeeBreak/ Holy Yoga and
Our next movie discussion group:** "The Rider" starring Brady Jandreau.

Advance Notice - October 13 is our first Grow Group Sunday of this season.
Your Elder/Deacon team will be notifying you about the time and location of your
Grow Group gathering for a noon meal and fellowship. Call the office if you do not
know which GG you are a part of, or are new and would like to be included.

Women's Morning Bible Study meets every other Wed., next mtg. Oct. 9 & 23
at **9:30am** in room 12/13, to study "*Cultures in Conflict*" by Ray VanderLaan.
Coffee Break ~ Women's evening fellowship, prayer and Bible Study meets
every Wednesday at **6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. They are in
Part 2 of the study of Genesis, everyone is welcome! b.eyser@comcast.net.

Sew & Sews: Sew & Sews is scheduled to meet next in rms. 12/13 on **Oct. 3, 17
and 31**. Contact Joey Vander Ark for more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Men's Wed. AM Bible Study 8:00 in the Emerson House South of church,
coffee is on at 7:30am every Wednesday. Contact: cvanheukelem@gmail.com
Men's Sat. AM Bible Study in rm 21, *every other Sat* 7AM, next mtg. **Oct. 12th**
Contact Rod Oosterhouse: rodohouse@comcast.net

OUT ~ Serving & Sharing

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~ YFC Denver Area is hosting a FREE event
called: *Changing Their Story* on **Monday, October 21** at Crossroads church in
Thornton and **Tuesday, October 22** at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in
Greenwood Village. For more information or to RSVP: www.yfcdenver.org

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~
Family Promise Week 3: is October 20th-27th.