

Church Calendar

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ September 9 ~ Teacher/Leader Commissioning

11-12n. Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Ed

Name Tags, Pastor Joel Preaching, Offering is for *Kid's Hope*

3:00-5pm - Dance Rehearsal 5:00-7pm - Youth Group

Monday ~ September 10

9:15am - Prayer For Persecuted Believers, rm. 13/14

6:00pm - Dance Rehearsal 6:30pm - Count Committee

Tuesday ~ September 11

1:00-3pm - Staff Meeting, rm. 21

6:30pm - Deacons Mtg. in the Library 7:00pm - Young Adults at Emerson

Wednesday ~ September 12

6:00pm - Dance Rehearsal

Thursday ~ September 13

7:00pm - Worship Team in Sanctuary

Friday ~ September 14

9:30-11:30am - Library is open

Saturday ~ September 15

7:00am - Men's Morning Bible Study

Sunday ~ September 16: Pastor Joel is preaching, Simon Nibbelink's Baptism

8:00am - Dance rehearsal

11-12n: Sunday School for everyone! 6-8pm: CLUB 68 for Middle School

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, September 9th:

Children in Worship: Kelsie Ruter, Wyatt & Eli Vermeer

Nursery: Beth DeBoer, Karissa Lamsma, Isaac Jonker

Camera: Matthew Jonker Lyrics: Gabe Zoetewey Sound: Paul DeBoer

Prayer Ministry Elder: Dave Cady & Sheri DeHaan

Coffee: Timmer

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, September 16th:

Children in Worship: Bret Lamsma, Owen Vermeer, Sam Lamsma

Nursery: Cheryl Schmitt, Adam DeBoer, Denali Schmitt

Camera: Mieke Waanders Lyrics: Natalie Roberts Sound: Jon Waanders

Prayer Ministry Elder: Fred Ritsema & Nancy Waanders

Coffee: Staff

Welcome to our visitors! Elders are available up front to answer your

questions and pray. A children's coloring/activity bulletin, called *Sweet Rewards*, can be found in the foyer. Coffee and tea are set up for you.

Wondering about Grow Groups? Contact Shirley@firstcrcdenver.org, or call us at the office! If your family would like to participate in Sunday School today at 11am, please feel welcome to visit the classroom for the age/grade in school. Adults will meet in the Library. *All teachers and helpers have been back-ground checked for security.*

Elevator: The elevator is currently out of service. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be made as soon as possible. However, this could take a few weeks. In the meantime, the most accessible route to the sanctuary will be through the southeast door (five steps). If anyone needs extra assistance, please let us know. Sorry for the inconvenience.

World Renew Opportunities

Are you interested in planning a Fall service work trip? We have an urgent need for volunteer assistance at the following site locations. More opportunities are available at worldrenew.net/volunteer

- **Citrus County, Florida:** repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Irma one year ago
- **Houston, Texas:** repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey one year ago
- **West Virginia** repairing homes damaged by severe storms in 2016

Save the Date! the 10th annual **Global Bazaar** is scheduled for Saturday, **December 1!** More details are forthcoming about this international marketplace that offers quality products made in developing countries, local products, and Dutch pastries, all of which support ministries that help people with immediate aid, long-term self-sufficiency and/or personal growth.

Council Update:

Council has the opportunity to meet with the church visitors from Rocky Mountain Classis at their meeting this month. Our denominational leadership recommends that each church meets with their church visitors once a year for a "well check". Council looks forward to our conversation with the church visitors as we seek wisdom to lead First Church according to God's will.

Reminder: Classis Rocky Mountain will be held in Longmont October 5-6.

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

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FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DENVER, COLORADO

Sunday September 9, 2018

First Christian Reformed Church

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

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Processional

*Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1-4

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion;

to You our vows will be fulfilled.

You who answer prayer,

to You all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins,

You forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those You choose

and bring near to live in Your courts!

We are filled with the good things of Your house,

of Your holy temple.

*Song: *10,000 Reasons*

*Psalm 65:9-16

You care for the land and water it;

You enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with grain,

for so You have ordained it.

You crown the year with Your bounty,

and Your carts overflow with abundance.

The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with grain;

they shout for joy and sing.

*Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth* LUYH 19 vs. 1,2,5

*God's Greeting

People of God, from where does your help come?

Our help comes from the Lord,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

Grace, Mercy and peace be Yours in the name of the Triune God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Mutual Greeting

Renewal

Commissioning teachers and leaders: DFF Pastor Bret Lamsma

Leader: Teachers and leaders, you have been asked to use your gifts to help us study God's Word together. Help us to experience the joy of God's Word, which is sweeter than honey. Help us to be shaped and formed by its instruction. Teach us that we do not live by bread alone, but it is the Word of God which sustains us. How do you respond to this call?

Teachers and Leaders: **We commit ourselves, with God's help, to share His truth.** [*congregation please stand*]

Leader: Congregation, you are being provided with opportunities to study God's Word and to grow in Christ. Will you be open to God's instruction which He gives through His word? Will you actively pursue a deeper understanding of God through the study of His word?

Congregation: **We commit ourselves, with God's help, to grow in His truth.**

*Responsive Prayer LUYH 265

Lord God:

We bless You for Your charge to us to make disciples from every nation
And to teach them to obey all that You have commanded us.

How grateful we are for Your promise never to leave us or forsake us.

As we seek to plant the seed of your word, and to water the seed once planted,

teach us to trust and to testify that You are the source of all the growth.

As the seed of your Word is planted in our hearts, **help us—and all those around us to be good soil, receptive to all that You desire for us to know, to love, and to do.**

By Your Spirit, increase our “love and knowledge and depth of insight:

so that “we may discern what is best, and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus, to the glory and praise of God.” We pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering: *Kids Hope*

Offertory

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal

Leader: We are God's family!

We joyfully surrender to Jesus.

We freely share our lives.

We Humbly embrace the hurting.

People: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Intercession and Gratitude

Sung Prayer for Illumination: *Speak O Lord* LUYH 755

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 pg. 1045

Sermon: *One More Year*

Prayer for Application

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.,,,**to proclaim the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest...

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Invitation

Distribution Song: *Behold the Lamb LUYH 840*

Communion

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer

Sending

Sending: from John 15

Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches”

If we remain in Him and He in us, we will bear much fruit.

No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine.

Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.

God is glorified when we bear much fruit.

The fruit that we bear is the sign that we are His disciples.

*Sending Song: *Take My Life*

*Blessing

Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma

Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper, First CRC Band with Christy Bol

Up ~ Prayer

*Our Congregational Prayer Focus for Persecuted Believers for September/October is the country of **China**.* See the silver message board in the foyer; take a prayer sheet.

We ask the Lord to **impart wisdom** for each physician attending to those who have had medical testing or procedures recently.

We ask the Lord to **restore hope**, clarity and healing to those recovering from falls, concussions or head injuries.

We ask the Lord to **attend to friends** and relatives who cannot worship with us.

We pray for **Jana Monroe** healing from eye surgery for recurrent corneal erosion.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Sunday School begins TODAY Sept. 9 at 11:00am, with age-appropriate classes for children 3 years olds through 12th gr., and a new class for adults. Join us in thanksgiving that all Sunday School teacher & aide positions have been filled. We are so grateful for all volunteers, and prayers on behalf of the staff. God is always faithful!

Sunday morning adult faith formation opportunity is entitled “*You and the Word*” and will focus on reading and listening to God through Scripture. Director of Faith Formation, Bret Lamsma, and Shirley VanHeukelem will be leading this class in the **Library at 11** to explore God's word together. You are encouraged to join us as we seek to listen to God more intentionally.

One way to do that is to read and ponder what He has given us in the Holy Scriptures. We have found the Moravian Text to be a good tool to get us reading through the entire Bible about every two years. We have ordered a few copies of the Moravian Text book. You can also get an email sent to you every day with that day's Scripture and prayer: -<http://www.moravian.org/faith-a-congregations/moravian-daily-texts/subscribe-to-the-daily-texts/>. Copies of the book will be in the foyer as soon as they arrive. Look for a copy of this week's readings in the foyer if you can't find a book!

High School Youth Group is meeting this Sunday (9/9) from 5-7 in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided and all high school students are invited.

Young Adults meet in Emerson House, next to the church, at **7:00pm on Tuesdays**. Contact kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org!

Men's Morning Small Group on Wednesday morning at **7am** in Emerson House, and **Men's Bible study** meets every other Saturday (9/15) **7am** in rm. 21.

Club 68 –Is a Youth Group for Middle School students in Grades 6-8. Monthly Meetings are on Sunday from 5-7pm. Meetings will begin at church. If we leave church for outside activities, parents will be notified in advance. All students will need to have current permission forms filled out for these excursions. *Save these calendar dates: 9/16, 10/14, 11/11/ 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/14.*

Senior Moments: Tuesday, Sept. 18th we celebrate Senior Moments **10 years of memories.** *We started Sept. 30th, 2008!* Lunch at Beau Jo's in Idaho Springs at 11:30. We will go to Echo Lake picnic area for coffee and dessert. Plan to **leave church at 10:00 a.m.** Why Echo Lake? This was our first event. Did you know Pastor Joel named our group "Senior Moments"? Sign up by Sun. Sept. 16th See flyer for details. Questions: Betty K. 303-514-6251 or Beth P. 303-947-1085.

Family Night kicked off this past Wednesday night with a great time for all ages. Thanks to everyone who came for making it a special night and to those who led groups for students and adults for giving their time. Our next Family Night will be **Wednesday, September 19** and everyone is invited to join!

Coffee Break Women's Bible study will meet again in the Emerson House on Family Nights. Open God's Word with us (Nehemiah), and enjoy the supportive fellowship of caring sisters in Christ.

Ladies Morning Bible Study will resume in rm.12/13 on **September 26th**.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by:

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~ Invitation from Dirk Vander Vorst

September 18, 2018: For anyone who is grieving-

"Loving from the Outside In- Mourning from the Inside Out" from 7-9pm

Horan & McConaty at 5303 East County Line Road at Holly Street,
Centennial, CO 80122

Please be sure to RSVP to

info@heartlightcenter.org or 303-745-1771 Option 3

so we may prepare for those who will attend.

Freely Sharing Our Lives: Dates: January 31 - February 11, 2019.

Global Prayer Safari - Teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. You'll learn about prayer from other Christian traditions as you visit schools, hospitals, jails, government buildings, markets, and more. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/safari.

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus

Save The Date for “*Aged to Perfection: Postcards From Around The World*”, **Christian Living Community's** fund raiser for residents on **Thursday, October 4, 2018:** CU South Denver 10035 South Peoria Street, 80134. Live Auction, tastings, international food and live Jazz Band.