

Welcome to River Park Church!

We are so glad to gather to worship our great God this morning!

The Nursery, ages 2 & under, is at the south end of the foyer. Sunday School (preschool – grade 4) and Jacob’s Ladder (grade 5 & 6) will be gathering downstairs.

Difficulty hearing? Devices are available at the sound booth.

Prayer partners are available after the service in the sanctuary.

We are a scent free community, so those who have perfume sensitivities and allergies to scents would be able to join us.

January 7, 2017

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Harry Valstar

Welcome

Greeting

*Opening Songs*

Children ages Preschool to Gr 6 are invited to Sunday School and Jacob’s Ladder.

Confessing our Faith – Nicene Creed

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: The Sonshine Children’s Center

Life at RPC in 2017

*Song*

Reading of Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Celebrating Epiphany

*Song of Response*

God’s Blessing

*Sending Song*

Worship Team

**Music:** Thank you to those leading us in worship today.

**Tech:** Jim B, Floyd H

Our Offerings

Our offering is an opportunity for us to celebrate financially God’s generosity towards us.

Our first offering is for **Sonshine Children’s Centre**. They offer specialized care for children exposed to trauma and violence. It costs \$28,000 per year per child to provide therapeutic interventions and break the cycle of violence.

Our second offering is for the **RPC Ministries Fund**. The RPC Ministries Fund supports the ministries of our church including Sunday School, Jacob’s Ladder, Youth Group, Intercultural Ministries, and capital improvements to our building.

Tokens and Electronic Transfer forms are available on the information table in the church foyer.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Layne Kilbreath will share with us the Message. The offering will be for the Tuition Help Fund.

This week at River Park Church

Jan 7	Fellowship Lunch	After the Service
Jan 9	Breathe In Women’s Ministry	9:30 am
Jan 10	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	RPC Seniors Coffee & Lunch	10 am
	Boys Club	7 pm
Jan 11	Ministry to Men meet at the Coco Brooks Office	6 am
	Friendship Group	7 pm
Jan 13	Ministry to Men meet at Riverbend McDonalds	8 am
Jan 14	Town Hall Meeting	3 pm
	RPC Youth Group	6:30 pm

River Park Family

Pray for continued comfort and strength for **Richard & Wendy A and family**. Richard is receiving comfort care at Chinook Hospice, so that he would be comfortable in the remaining days that he has in this life.

We extend our condolences to **Cor & Sue P** on the death of Sue’s mother, Eleanor, in Michigan on Dec. 30. Services are planned for this week. May the family know God’s comfort and strength at this time.

**John T** had a successful hip surgery and is now recovering at Trinity Lodge Calgary. He will be there for a few more weeks. Pray for a continuing good recovery.

**Remember to pray for those who are shut in:** Sean B, Ted B, Hannah D, Paul D, Thomas F, Bill G, Grace R, Danny H, Marcel J, Betty H, Herman K, Pete S, Wietske S, Irena S, Matthew T, Else T, Art V & Shirley Y.

Pastors Pen

Our word EPIPHANY comes from a Greek word that means manifestation or appearance. In Church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi as written in Matt 2:1-12.

In general terms Epiphany has been described as referring to God’s action of manifesting His glory to the World by bringing salvation through Jesus Christ. So Epiphany is the Shepherds recognizing the Messiah, the Magi acknowledging the King of Glory and the Disciples seeing Christ as the Son of God.

Epiphany occurs anytime our eyes of Faith are opened to see the Christ as our Salvation. May you be giving this gift of Faith and cause you to celebrate Epiphany with great joy!

May our Worship Service today reflect this and encourage us on our Journey in 2018.

Pastor Harry

**Fellowship Lunch Today:** Everyone attending River Park Church today is invited to a Fellowship lunch following the service. Even if you did not bring food, you are welcome. We will share what we have. It is hoped that by gathering around food together we may get to know one another a bit better. Help with clean-up afterwards is appreciated.

**Thank you** to all who participated in the Christmas gifts that were given to various households. All the recipients very much appreciated this.

**Used Postage Stamps:** kindly remember to collect and put your used stamps in the mission box on top of the mail slots. These are then sorted and brought to Wycliffe – they in turn can sell them.

**RPC Lost & Found:** Please have a look in our lost and found area to see if anything there is yours. We will be clearing it out this upcoming week.

**RPC Seniors:** Regular monthly meeting, Wed, Jan 10, 10-12:30. Soup and buns will be served for \$5/person. Come meet with friends for coffee and stay for lunch.

**Boys Club:** we will re-commence this Wed, Jan 10 at 7pm.

**RPC Youth Group:** We are looking forward to our next meeting on Sun, Jan 14th, when Rev. Michelle Gritter will come to equip us for how to handle that January exam time stress! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you then!

**Town Hall Meeting:** Next Sunday, Jan 14 at 3PM.

**Treasurer at RPC:** Our current treasurer is retiring, so we are searching for someone with accounting experience to take over this duty. It is a volunteer position working closely with church administration in maintaining our financial records. If you are interested, or want more details, please contact Morris Spronk or any member of the Management Team.

**Interim Worship Coordinator needed** for approx. 10 hrs/wk. If interested email [info@riverparkchurch.com](mailto:info@riverparkchurch.com).

**Worship Art Director Job Opportunity at RPC:** If interested, you will find the full job description on our website. Please send resumes to [info@riverparkchurch.com](mailto:info@riverparkchurch.com).

*Greeters*

Jan 7	Hank & Jane B, Bert & Alice H
Jan 14	Josh & Jolyn B, Ruth R

*Nursery Schedule*

	Babies	Toddlers: 1 & 2 yrs. old
Jan 7	Stephen H Henrietta K	Miriam K Quintina B
	<b>Reception:</b> Joanne B	
Jan 14	Laura B Andrea C	Jaden M Sherryl L
	<b>Reception:</b> Elisabeth v	

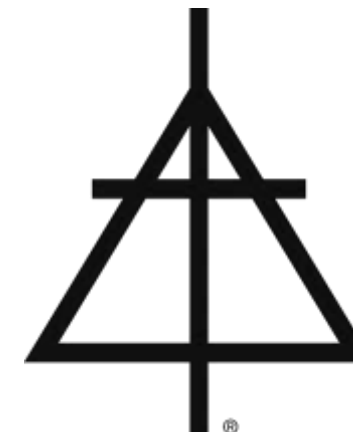
*Coffee Hosts*

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Jan 7	Harry & Lynda H, Lisa D
Jan 14	Dorothy D, Alan & Cindy B

*We would like to get to know you better and so we invite you to fill out a welcome card. Please leave the card in mail slot #1.*

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