

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 28, 2018

10:00 am Worship Pastor Harrison Cho

Welcome

*All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises*

*O Worship the King*

*Whatever is True*

Greeting

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

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: The Deacons Fund

*I Need You*

*My Jesus I Love Thee*

Reading of Exodus 20:12

Message: Honor Your Parents

God’s Blessing

*Father Of Lights*

Worship Team

**Music:** Laurel E, Marcel L, Monique V, Ken D

**Tech:** Jim B, Floyd H, Phil D

Our Offerings

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

Our first offering is for **The Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre** which is a Christian charity that seeks to care for those impacted by unplanned pregnancy and any resulting challenges and to educate individuals concerning sexual realities.

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 Derek Van Dalen will bring us the message. The offering will be for Mission Support. And Rich Braaksma will give a presentation for Resonate Global Missions which he represents in Western Canada.

**New to Christianity? Want to learn more about RPC?**

**Wondering about membership?** For any or all, Pastor Derek would like to meet with you after the service on Feb. 4. RSVP to secretary@riverparkchurch.com.

This week at River Park Church

Jan 28	Korean Praise & Prayer	11:30 am
	Multicultural Small Group	12 pm
	Cedars Villa Service	2 pm
	RPC Youth Group	12 pm
Jan 26	Home Church Groups	7:30 pm
	GEMS	6:30 pm
Jan 30	Breathe In Women’s Ministry	9:30 am
	ICM Leadership Training	10 am
Jan 31	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	ESL Classes	10 am & 1 pm
Feb 1	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team Meeting	9:30 am
	Friendship Group	7 pm
Feb 3	Ministry to Men	8 am

River Park Family

Pray for **Arlene, a sister of Betty V**. Arlene was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer & transferred to the Red Deer Hospital.

Pray for **John T**, who continues to receive treatment for hip replacement surgery at Carewest.

River Park Life

**RPC Youth Group:** This week, we are doing another site visit to a religious community: Greek Orthodox Church, a Christian community. Father Peter Rougas will host us at St. Demetrios (1 Tamarac Crescent SW). After church, meet in the Prayer Room for a 10 minute check-in. Then at Noon, we’ll have pizza in the Youth Room, orient ourselves to the Greek Orthodox community. We will head to St. Demetrios for a 1pm tour of the church with Q&A. And debrief back at RPC at 2:15-3pm. Done at 3pm.

**Cedars Villa Service:** Today at 2pm. Jim B (message), Dorothy d (piano), Ian v, Lene T, Anne D, Hetty L (helpers).

**Want to join us for an Evening Women’s Ministry?** When? Thursdays 7-9pm Feb 22, March 22, April 26 and May 24 - Come for one or all four evenings! Where? Marilyn D What? The format will be very relaxed... some time socializing, and then some time spent in conversation about where God is leading us as women. RSVP? Sure, or just come! Let’s see where God leads us.

**RPC Seniors Fellowship & Olympics!** Feb 7 at 10 am, Come join the fun over coffee & stay for lunch!

**Fellowship Lunch, Sunday, Feb 4.** Everyone is invited to a Fellowship lunch following the service. Please bring enough food for you/your family and a bit more to share with others. The small group to which Betty S belongs will be hosting this time.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed:** We are in need of another Grade 4 teacher for the remainder of the year. If you are able to teach one or a few lessons, please let Dan or Marilyn know.

**Men’s Breakfast:** All men are invited to join us on Feb 24th in the fellowship hall from 7:30 - 9:30 am. Join us for fun, food & fellowship! We will also be talking about an upcoming workshop.

**SAVE THE DATE! GEMS camp** will be Aug 6 - 10, 2018. Questions? Email Cindy G.

**The Deacons are very thankful to report that Meaza**, our new refugee, will be arriving in Calgary on Tuesday, January 30th. We have been waiting for Meaza for many years, and her mother, aunts and uncle (former River Park sponsored refugees) are very excited that she will finally be joining them here in Canada. Please pray for safe travels as Meaza makes the long journey from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, via Frankfurt, Germany, to Calgary. We are very thankful for the small group of volunteers who have joined the deacons in settling Meaza in her new home. The next few weeks will be very busy and we covet your prayers as we carry out all the necessary work.

*If you have a single bed, bedding for a single bed, or a dresser that you could donate for Meaza's use, please contact Robert D*

**We would also like to thank the congregation** for their great compassion and generosity during our Advent Initiative offerings in December. You have followed Jesus' call to care for the poor and feed the hungry and your giving to the following causes has made it possible for World Renew to help many suffering people:

- Rohingya Refugee Crisis - \$5420
- Ethiopia Orphans and Vulnerable Children - \$3355
- South Sudan Conflict - \$2699
- Canadian Food Grains Bank - \$1300
- Disaster Relief - \$800
- World Renew General Fund - \$7036

**The Deacons also have a list of people who are looking for work.** They include a journeyman electrician, an apprentice electrician, construction worker and barber. If you know someone who could provide these people with work, you can get in touch with Robert D

*Greeters*

Jan 28	Jerry & Kathy H, Don & Eva M
Feb 4	Cor & Sue P, Hank & Willie V

*Nursery Schedule*

	<b>Babies</b>	<b>Toddlers: 1 &amp; 2 yrs. old</b>
Jan 28	Quintina B Mathilda B	Miriam K Ashley H
	<b>Reception:</b> Joanne B	
Feb 4	John t Henrietta K	Betty V Helena L
	<b>Reception:</b> Elisabeth v	

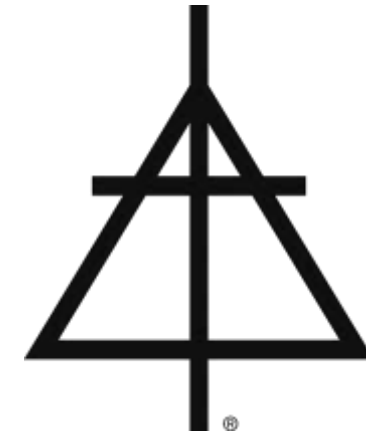
*Coffee Hosts*

	<b>Serving &amp; clean-up (after service)</b>
Jan 28	John & Donna S, Dennis & Francine V
Feb 4	Dan & Marilyn V, Mathilda 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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*January 28, 2018*



*All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ*

## **MISSIONS SUPPORT NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week we will be collecting the first of four quarterly offerings in 2018 in support of our career missionaries. We provide partial support to 5 missionary teams around the world.

Last year (2017), River Park Church contributed \$27,811, reaching only 83% of our goal of \$33,500. With the addition of surplus funds carried over from previous years, we are able to provide each team with about 92% of their anticipated funds from RPC. For your information, giving in previous years was as follows: 2014 \$43,082; 2015 \$36,656; 2016 \$32,503. Thanks for your support! This congregation is definitely a blessing to those teams who extend the global mission of RPC!

In view of the steady drop in giving, the Missions Team is now considering how much support we can promise to the missionaries. We are asking each team to review their requirements before we set a goal for 2018. We are also asking you, the congregation, to review how much to support Missions, recognizing that the economy as well as the church attendance is still in a reduced state from years past. We ask for your generous support next week and throughout the year.

Our Short-Term Missions trip proposal 2 years ago had to be cancelled due to unavailability of interested people and nothing new has progressed since then. However, we remain convinced that such a project will be invaluable to the faith growth of RPC, and continue to look at options. If anyone has any interest or ideas, please talk to one of the Missions Team members (Dennis Vink, Ruth Krabbe, Helena Lamin or Morris Spronk). If you are participating this summer with a school group, or any other group, please let us know so that we can encourage and support you, both in prayer and financially.

Thanks for your interest, from the Missions Team.

The Council of River Park Church wishes to thank all of those who attended and supported in prayer the Town Hall meeting held on January 14. Attendance was very strong, with close to 100 present. Council was very encouraged by the participation and the discussion.

The revised organization chart generated considerable interest, including the near-term challenges present due to staffing roles that are currently unfilled. Council is extremely thankful, as we know are all in the RPC community, for the support of volunteers who are helping out in many ways while those roles are vacant. It is clear that current staffing levels are lean which creates some challenges for ministry effectiveness.

One area in which RPC can improve is in our communication. It was noted that Council needs to provide leadership and communicate direction. Pastoral care ministries is another area which requires additional focus from Council.

A true strength of RPC is community, expressed in the way the congregation cares for those in our midst who need support. Strong support was given for the significant effort that has gone into reconciliation efforts in recent months.

Pastors and Council highlighted RPC's sharpened focus on multiculturalism, with a transition from being mono-cultural to multicultural. This is not solely within the borders of the Inter-Cultural Ministry, but is needed in, and by all ministry teams.

Reflecting on the discussion and feedback received at the Town Hall, Council will spend time formulating the vision of multiculturalism. In addition to regular meetings, Council will meet several times over the coming few months to spend focussed time discerning what the Lord is teaching us at RPC, getting our new members on-board, and discerning where God is leading. Look forward to future Council updates as this progresses.

Council is extremely thankful for the participation in the Town Hall, and warmly welcomes further and on-going feedback as we seek to serve God together at RPC.