

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 front of the sanctuary.

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

February 11, 2018

10:00 am Worship Pastor Derek Van Dalen

Welcome

10,000 Reasons

Great Are You Lord

Greeting

The Wonderful Cross

Baptism of Jasper

I Shall Not Want

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

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: Inn From The Cold

I Surrender

Reading of Matthew 5:21–26

Message: Radical Words

God's Blessing

Cornerstone

Worship Team

Music: Samara D, Matt M, Pao N, Bryan D, Jennifer d, Monique V

Tech: Jim B, Floyd H, Charlie P

Our Offerings

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

Our first offering is for **Inn From The Cold**. An emergency shelter agency that truly believes in a community where no child or family is homeless. IFTC operates 365 days/year, being at or over capacity 65% of the time. The downtown shelter has 27 cubicles for families that can house up to 120 people. In 2017, this equaled 31,000 beds & 95,000 meals. To help serve meals, IFTC has logged over 12,000 volunteer hours (which RPC participates in). Also, various health care professionals are available for the families, as well as a sensory room and energy zone to meet the specific needs of the families. Please prayerfully consider this worthy cause. Interested in volunteering, contact Quintina B.

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 'Giving Up for Jesus: God's Supply' based on Philippians 4:19. We will also celebrate the sacrament of communion and we will receive an offering for The Deacons Fund.

This week at River Park Church

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| Feb 11 | Youth Group Leadership Meeting | 5 pm |
| | RPC Youth Group | 6:30 pm |
| Feb 12 | GEMS | 6:30 pm |
| Feb 13 | Breathe In Women's Ministry | 9:30 am |
| Feb 14 | Prayer Meeting | 7:30 am |
| | ESL Classes | 10 am & 1 pm |
| Feb 15 | Ministry to Men | 6 am |
| | Banner Team Meeting | 9:30 am |
| | Friendship Group | 7 pm |
| Feb 17 | Ministry to Men | 8 am |
| | Go Local | 10 am |
| | Taekwondo | 3 pm |
| Feb 18 | ICM Women's Fellowship | 11:40 am |

River Park Family

Pray for **Herman K** who was admitted to Peter Lougheed hospital suffering from dementia. The family is looking for a dementia care facility and is praying for peace for Herman. Please pray that our Lord guides them through this difficult time.

Pray for **John T**, who continues to receive treatment for an infection at Carewest near Rocky View Hospital. Visits are welcome – please call John to arrange a time.

River Park Life

RPC AGM will be on Feb 25 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda & Reports were emailed out on Friday, hard copies are on the info table.

RPC Youth Group: Today, Feb 11, we will have a Leadership Team meeting (5-6:15pm) with pizza – any youth who want to help with planning the 30-hour famine. Regular RPC Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8:30pm. ALSO, *feel free to check in after the morning service in the prayer room for 10 minutes*. Should be fun!

No Sunday School on Feb 18th due to Family Day. (We will still have Sunday School for our preschool group.)

Follow Us on our NEW and Active Facebook page! Find us at fb.me/RiverParkCRC Please stop by and follow us to keep up with the River Park Church happenings.

Worship: Thanks Rachel G for helping organize our musicians and worship leaders! Rachel will be monitoring the worship@riverparkchurch.com email account.

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 home 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.

Go Local: Want to join God where he is moving in your neighborhood? One way to start discerning and to learn more is through a seminar hosted by Resonate Global Mission on Saturday Feb 17, starting at 10 am, here at RPC. If interested in attending, please email secretary@riverparkchurch.com

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.

Giving Up for Jesus

This week Wednesday, we'll see people with a black smudge on their foreheads. Some churches in our community will be offering an Ash Wednesday service, where the imposition of ashes will be offered. This also marks the start of Lent, a season of reflection, training, and preparation for the celebration of the resurrection at Easter on April 1. That's right, April 1 is Resurrection Sunday, no fooling!

But we're not quite there yet, and we have time to get ready. Observing the season of Lent can help us to prepare and even train for our celebrations on Easter Sunday. Chuck DeGroat helpfully wrote:

"Lent comes from the Old English word Lencten, which means springtime. In this season, we begin to see the goodness which emerges from the darkness of winter. The ground thaws. The days lengthen (sounds like Lencten, right?). Out of death comes life as flowers begin to bloom.

You see, it's a metaphor for our lives. We all need a thaw every now and then. Burdened by relentless schedules and hamster-wheel existences, it seems like we're always moving and rarely in touch with the depth beneath. Stuck in patterns of shame and guilt, we fail to thrive. Numb to our heart's longings, we live at the frozen surface of life, just surviving."

What will it take for us to more than just survive, to even flourish? Seeking to grow in dependence and trust in God, desiring a deeper union with Jesus Christ, walking with Jesus with the intention of giving up the barriers in our lives which keep us from a more committed life with God. Our services at RPC in this season of Lent will direct us as to live with greater passion for Jesus as we unpack the theme 'Giving Up for Jesus.'

As part of our Lent training, we'll be challenged to help others survive and even flourish through our participation in the World Renew - Peter Fish campaign 'Breaking Barriers to End Hunger.' Look for more on the Peter Fish from the Deacons. I'm looking forward to what God has for us this season of Lent, as we grow as one community in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Derek

Greeters

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| Feb 11 | Insuk H, Rob & Linda V |
| Feb 18 | Rob & Miriam K, John & Christina t |

Nursery Schedule

| | Babies | Toddlers: 1 & 2 yrs. old |
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| Feb 11 | Isabel S Pauline K | Mary Anne D Christina t |
| | Reception: Sue P | |
| Feb 18 | Laura B Betty V | Judy V Stephen H |
| | Reception: Joanne B | |

Coffee Hosts

| | Serving & clean-up (after service) |
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| Feb 11 | Sid & Marilyn D, Troy & Laurel E |
| Feb 18 | John & Christine d, Tony R |

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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All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ