

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.

March 18, 2018

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Derek Van Dalen

Welcome

Greeting

Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

This I Believe

Children are invited to Sunday School & Jacob’s Ladder

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: Deacons/Refugee Fund

Oh How I Need You

Reading of Matthew 13:44-46

Message: Generosity

Celebration of Communion

Remembrance

Good Good Father

God’s Blessing

Lay Me Down

Worship Team

Music: Samara D, Matt M, Bryan D, Pao N, Gwen H

Tech: Jennifer d Floyd H, Lisa d

Our Offerings

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

Our first offering is for **The Deacon’s / Refugee Fund**. Your gifts allow the deacons to walk alongside individuals and families as we assist them to meet their basic needs for food, shelter and transportation. Your gifts also help to support Meaza, our recent Eritrean refugee from Ethiopia, as she attends English classes and begins to adjust to life here in Calgary. Meaza is attending RPC and hopes to become involved on a worship team soon. The deacons are also urgently working with World Renew to sponsor an Eritrean young man called Simon who escaped terrible conditions in Eritrea and is now living as a refugee in Israel. However, living conditions for refugees in Israel are very poor and Israel is attempting to deport refugee claimants to countries where they will live in poverty and potentially unsafe conditions. Please pray that Simon’s application can be processed quickly.

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 & electronic transfer forms are on the info table.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Derek will bring the message as we celebrate Palm Sunday and welcome Jesus as King into the centre of our lives. From the heights of our joys to the depths of how we’re wired, Jesus is king. Invite a friend to consider with us how our lives will change because we encounter the gospel of Jesus Christ. The offering will be for CRC Aboriginal Concerns.

This week at River Park Church

Mar 18	Korean’s Women’s Fellowship	11:40am
Mar 19	GEMS	6:30 pm
Mar 20	Breathe In Women’s Ministry	9:30 am
	ICM Leadership Training	10 am
Mar 21	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	ESL Classes	10 am & 1 pm
	Boys Club	7 pm
Mar 22	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team Meeting	9:30 am
	Friendship Group	7 pm
Mar 23	Home Church Groups	7:30 pm
Mar 24	Ministry to Men	8 am
	Taekwondo	3 pm
Mar 25	Multicultural Small Group	12 pm
	Korean Praise & Prayer	11:30 pm

River Park Family

Pray for **Betty H** who is receiving long term care in Edmonton.

Pray for **Herman K** who is receiving care at Peter Lougheed hospital and will need to receive care for dementia. Please pray that our Lord guides Herman and his family through this difficult time.

Pray for **John T**, who is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on March 22 at South Health Campus. Presently, John continues to receive treatment at Carewest Glenmore Park. Visits are welcome – please call John to arrange a time.

River Park Life

RPC Youth Group: Today, we are hosting the soup lunch after church as a way to provide a good meal, great fellowship, and to fundraise for our Youth to go to the Alberta Youth Convention (YC) in May, and for a couple youth to go to a Christian Leadership training weekend in April. So no prayer room ‘check-in,’ but if you are able, please head downstairs to help in the fellowship hall with serving the soup and gathering the dishes. Paul is preaching elsewhere, so look for Joanne Bouma who will coordinate the efforts! No Youth Group on March 25th or April 1st due to Spring Break and Easter.

Save the Date: Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ 7pm

GoLocal. We’ve hosted two orientation events to GoLocal at RPC with 14 different people from RPC attending. To all those who came out, thanks for your interest and support. Now we need to discern if there is enough interest to develop a ‘guiding team’ to discern where God is working and then develop ministry to participate in what God is doing. If you are interested in being part of a ‘guiding team’ please email Pastor Derek by April 1. A meeting with other local churches who will be involved with GoLocal is scheduled for Apr 21.

Ministry to Men Workshop: Value of Time. Presented by Mauricio Rosa from Promise Keepers. This will be held on April 27 from 6 - 10 pm at RPC. This workshop is designed to help us find the balance we long for. Together we will explore biblical principles on understanding time, how we invest it and practical steps for creating a healthier lifestyle. Cost: \$20 for group of 10, \$25 before Apr 24, \$30 at the door. Deadline: Apr 20 To Register go to promisekeepers.ca/event/value-time-workshop-calgary/ Contact Mike J, Hans S, Jerry H or Calvin O for more info.

Start Planning and Testing your recipes for the 4th Annual Chili Cookoff Competition that will be held in June.

Registration for GEMS CAMP 2018 is now open. If you are going into Gr 5 through going into Gr 8 this fall, please see your head counsellor for a registration form. Camp will be Aug 6 - 10 at the Rehoboth Camp on Gull Lake. Registration is limited to the first 50 applications received by regular postal mail. As well, we are looking for cooks, counsellors, counsellors-in-training (CIT's) and a handyman because we can't run camp without them! For more info contact Bonnie at gbbennik@platinum.ca or Cindy at cindygrebely@gmail.com.

CORE Celebration's Concert is this Sun evening, Mar 18 at 7pm at First Baptist Church. For more info call 403-796-3603, email info@corecelebration.com or visit our website at <http://www.corecelebration.org>.

Girls Only Youth Night (grade 7-9), Mar 24, 6:30-9:00 pm at Maranatha CRC. Enlighten is a program that helps young girls discover the power of self-confidence, embrace their unique selves and find courage in God's word as they navigate a world full of negative self-talk and social pressures. RSVP to Krista H, enlyht10@gmail.com or speak to your youth leader.

Greeters

Mar 18	Peter & Rachel Y, Rob & Arlene O
Mar 25	Jim & Pearl N, Hank & Willie V

Nursery Schedule

	Babies	Toddlers: 1 & 2 yrs old
Mar 18	Herm S Seon-Ju P	Mathilda B Betty V
	Reception: Elisabeth v	
Mar 25	John t Henrietta K	Jaden M Isabel S
	Reception: Sue P	

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Mar 18	Darren & Cara M
Mar 25	Walter & Nelly E, Bert & Alice H

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