

Welcome to River Park Church!

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

Welcome to all of our visitors. We would love to connect with you, kindly fill in the card in the chair pocket and put it in the offering plate.

The Nursery, ages 2 & under, is at the south end of the foyer. Sunday School (preschool – grade 4) will be invited to gather downstairs during the worship service. *There will be no Jacobs Ladder this morning.*

Difficulty hearing? Devices are available at the sound booth.

Prayer partners are available after the service in the front of the sanctuary.

Sept 23, 2018

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Rick Roeda

Welcome

I Am Not My Own

Blessed Be Your Name

Greeting

Children are invited to Sunday School

Beautiful One

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: Mission Support

Reading: Psalm 8

Message: Moving into a state of mindfulness

Grace Like Rain

God's Blessing

Holy Is The Lord

Worship Team

Music: Samara D, Brian D, Alice C, Monique V.

Tech: Jim B, 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 **Mission Support**. Mission Support is for the 4 missionaries that we support in Africa, E Europe and Central America. This is the quarterly offering (see last week's bulletin for more information) and pray that we may support them through our prayers and offerings.

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 Harry Valstar will bring us the message. The offering will be for CRC Race Relations.

Next week at River Park Church

Sept 23	Block Party, Potluck Lunch	After the Service
	Cedars Villa Service	2 pm
	Youth Group Leadership Meeting	5 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Sept 24	Alpha	6 pm
	GEMS Registration Night	6:30pm
Sept 25	Women's Ministry	9:30 am
Sept 26	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
Sept 27	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	ESL by CIWA	10 am
	Friendship	7 pm
	ICM Team Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept 29	Ministry to Men	8 am
	Taekwondo	3 pm
Sept 30	Korean Praise & Prayer	11:30 am
	Multicultural Small Group	12 pm

River Park Family

Our sincere condolences to the **B family** in the death of Hank's mother at the age of 93 in the Netherlands. Hank and 3 of his 4 siblings are traveling there for the funeral on Sept. 24. May God give them His comfort and peace knowing that it was her desire to meet her Saviour.

Congratulations to **Peter & Nelleke S** as they celebrate their wedding anniversary on Sept 25th. This missed getting onto our September Birthday and Anniversary Card.

River Park Life

Neighbourhood Block Party: Today after the service. This is a potluck lunch for our community and everyone at RPC.

RPC Youth Group: We will meet in the Youth Room at 6:30pm-8:30pm. We'll share some fun, food, and talk together about our life with God. Bryan D is coming as a guest. Also, any who want to help plan the year are invited to come early, and we'll have a Leadership Team meeting from 5-6:15pm.

GEMS is open to Gr 3-6 this year. Registration is at Emmanuel CRC on Mon, Sept 24, 6:30-7pm with a counsellor meeting to follow at 7:15pm. We are in need of 3 teachers still. The first official GEMS night of fun will be on Oct 1. Hope to see you there!

Women's Ministry: Messiah Books will be available Sunday after church. If you ordered a book and have your \$20 ready, please pick up your books. Linda H

Seniors Ministry: Oct 3, at 10 am. As always please remember to bring \$5 for lunch. This month we will have a presentation about recycling and composting.

Needed: 1 or 2 people willing to learn to work the soundboard and assist during worship. Please contact Rachel G at worship@riverparkchurch.com for more details.

On Thanksgiving Day, Oct 8, you are invited to enjoy fellowship, muffins and coffee prior to the Thanksgiving Day service from 9:00 to 9:50am. We ask those who are able to do so, to bring muffins for the pre-service fellowship. If you are not able to attend the service but wish to contribute, please leave the muffins in the fridge upstairs on Sun, Oct 7 or earlier. Our regular monthly fellowship lunches will resume on Nov 4.

Food Bank Bins: In response to the thanksgiving season the deacons are again providing bins for donations of food to the Calgary Food Bank. The bins will be located in the church foyer. There will be opportunity to donate from Sept 23 to Oct 8. Please do not donate fresh food.

Prayer for our Missionaries

Roland Vanderburg – El Salvador – Resonate Global Missions

1. Prayer for strong leadership support in the community and church of El Inicio.
2. Prayer for the advance of the Home of Blessings ministry center.
3. Thanks and prayer for the partnerships (such as Bethel and River Park Church) as future visits and projects are planned.

Tanya Spronk – South Sudan – Wycliffe

1. Praise for the Keliko community who dedicated their New Testament in August. Pray that the community will be motivated to study their new Bibles and be open to hearing God's Word to them.
2. Pray for the Gbaya and Tennes communities who are nearly done with their New Testaments. Pray that the communities will also be ready to receive their New Testaments in the coming months.
3. Pray for wisdom and creativity for me as I work with the Ministry of Education and other NGOs to develop textbooks and reading materials in South Sudanese languages, to help improve the quality of education for children here.

Thank you to all who are serving today!

Greeters

<i>Sept 23</i>	Bert & Alice H
<i>Sept 30</i>	Jerry & Kathy H, Rob & Linda V

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
<i>Sept 23</i>	Sherryl L, Jaden M, Miriam K
	Reception: Sue P
<i>Sept 30</i>	Steven H, Andrea C, Cordelia V
	Reception: Lisa D

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
<i>Sept 23</i>	Sean & In-suk H, Mike & Jamie M
<i>Sept 30</i>	Rob & Miriam K, Darren & Cara M

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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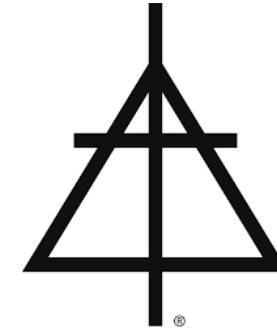
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All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ

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