

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 – gr 4) and Jacob's Ladder (gr 5 & 6) will be invited to gather downstairs during the worship service.

Difficulty hearing? Devices are available at the sound booth.

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

Nov 4, 2018

10:00 am Worship Pastor John Vanderburgh

Welcome

Hosanna

Call to Worship

Greeting

10,000 Reasons

What A Beautiful Name

Come Thou Fount

Children are invited to Sunday School & Jacobs Ladder

River Park Life

Presentation on the Persecuted Church

Morning Prayer

Offering: Emma House

Great Are You Lord

Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Message: Divine Gardener

God's Blessing

Glory

Worship Team

Music: Monique Verhoef, Ian van de Burgt, Tom Currie, Dorothy DeVuyst

Tech: Jennifer de Vries, Floyd Hall, Lisa de Vries

Our Offerings

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

Our first offering is for **Emma House**. Emma House is a non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness among pregnant women/youth. They provide safe and supportive transitional housing to expectant mothers ages 12+ who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. By equipping residents with the physical and emotional tools they need, and by offering them a network of staff and volunteers, Emma House is able to empower women/youth to move out of violence and vulnerability and into a life of self-worth and good health.

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 share a Message "Arms Control" using Psalms 33 & 46. The service will include parts of our National Remembrance Day. The offering will be for the Reitsma Endowment Fund.

Next week at River Park Church

Nov 4	Fellowship Lunch	12 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Nov 5	Alpha	6pm
	GEMS	6:30am
Nov 6	Women's Ministry	9:30 am
Nov 7	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	Seniors Ministry	10 am
	ESL by RPC	1 pm
	ICM Discipleship Training	7 pm
Nov 8	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	ESL by CIWA	10 am
Nov 9	Friendship	7 pm
Nov 10	Ministry to Men	8 am

River Park Family

Sean Bons, recently had a defibrillator inserted. Pray for his recovery at home, he does have pain & bruising. May he be granted healing.

Chris Spronk was recently hospitalized due to complications from surgery. He is home, pray that he will be given full restoration.

Pray for **Norma Bricker** who had shoulder surgery this past week. Pray for her as she recuperates at home.

Remember to pray for those who are shut in: Sean B, Hannah D, Paul D, Thomas F, Danny H, Betty H, Herman K, Pete S, Wietske S, Irena S, Matthew T, Else T, Art V, Shirley Y, John T George R, Hetty L & Joanne V.

River Park Life

Monthly Fellowship Lunch Today. Everyone attending RPC today is invited to lunch & coffee downstairs. 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 cleaning up after is appreciated.

RPC Youth Group: Today the Youth will meet from 6:30-8:30pm at RPC. Sally Park will welcome and lead the youth group (both because she's awesome and because Paul is out of town). And Cara Milne will share her journey of faith and love for God with us.

The Deacons would like to notify the congregation that previous announcements stating that World Renew requires the funding should be in place before refugees arrive should have stated that WR "strongly encourages" us to do so. We have decided it would be prudent to make it a condition of moving forward with new refugee applications. Please make sure donations for our refugee fund clearly state that that is what they are for.

Seniors Ministry: We will gather for our monthly Seniors coffee and lunch beginning at 10 am on Nov 7. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Coffee & Greeter Schedules: Please look for these in your mail slots next week Sunday. If you are not on the list and would like to be OR if you have holidays coming up and would like them to be noted ahead of time email: secretary@riverparkchurch.com.

River Park Community

The 13th Annual Marda Loop Justice Film Festival is being held Nov 13th-18th. For more info go to justicefilmfestival.ca.

Tickets are available for the Mexican fiesta supporting CASA Connor! CASA Connor is a building just outside of Puerto Vallarta where kids with disabilities can come for therapies & education. Dinner will be at the Calgary Christian High School on Nov 24, tickets are \$30 per person. There is also a silent and live auction for your shopping pleasure. We are also looking for volunteers and donations. For more info contact Geraldine at (403) 305-7885 or email info@casac Connor.org.

Service of Lament, Confession & Healing

This has been a difficult time for RPC. We had experienced many years of pastoral transition before calling Pastor Derek and are in that place again. As a Council we heard at our most recent town halls that it would be beneficial and helpful to the community to have time set aside together for us to grieve, confess, express hurt, lament, and also embrace our hope.

There will be a service of lament, confession, and movements toward healing on Wed, Nov 21 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

We invite each person to honestly examine themselves and prepare to participate. If you have questions please email one of the members of council.

Council Update

Geoff Vanderburg has agreed to serve as the Council Deacon. We now ask RPC members to ratify this three-year term of service. The ratification will happen on Nov 11 after the service.

Geoffrey Vanderburg Bio:

I have been a member of River Park Church since my family moved from Ontario to Alberta in 1978. My father, Herman, brought his family to Calgary to serve as the director of Sonshine Centre. My first job at age 11 was to unlock and lock the doors of the church every day, so I spent a lot of my childhood delivering rousing sermons to an empty sanctuary. Over the years, I've served as a nursery volunteer, a boys' club leader, a member of the search committee that called former pastor Phil Reinders, a member of the committee in charge of naming River Park Church, a Sunday school teacher and a co-facilitator of pre-marriage courses. My wife Jennifer and I have four children: Max (16), Sam (14), Georgia (12) and Olivia (11). I've been invited a few times to serve as an elder or deacon, but I've always said the time isn't right. Given my busy household, the time still isn't perfect, but I recognize the time is now for everyone at RPC to do their part to nurture one another today and build for tomorrow.

Greeters

Nov 4	Hank & Willie V, Cor & Sue P
Nov 11	Rob & Linda V, Rob & Arlene O

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
Nov 4	Cindy B, Judy V, Abby T
	Reception: Lisa D
Nov 11	Miriam K, Jaden M, Geoffrey V
	Reception: Cara M

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Nov 4	Troy & Laurel E, John & Donna S
Nov 11	Walter & Nelly E, Len & Jeannette V

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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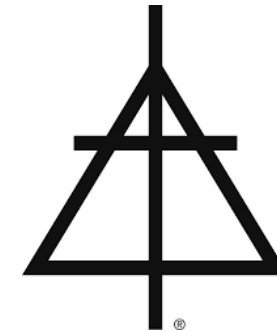
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All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ