

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.

Dec 2, 2018

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Paul Verhoef

We Anticipate God With Us

Welcome

O Come O Come

We Praise God With Us

God's Greeting

Prepare Ye

Let the King Come In

We Experience God With Us

A Story of "Emmanuel-God With Us": Tom Currie

Reading and Candle lighting: K family.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Children's Message: Pauline K - Children are dismissed

River Park Life

Congregational prayer

God's Word: Isaiah 11:1-9

Message: The Advent of Hope

Hope of the Nations

We are Grateful for God With Us

Offering: The Refugee Fund

Blessing

I am so Glad

Worship Team

Music: Sally P, Samara D, Pao N, Phil R

Tech: Jennifer d, Floyd H, Charlie P.

Our Offerings

RPC's Advent theme is Emmanuel, God with us. For our Advent Initiative, the deacons wanted to focus on causes close to RPC's heart: Refugee Fund, House of Blessings, Benevolence Fund, Sonshine Children's Centre, Inn From the Cold. Emmanuel actually means God with us. This implies He is present, here and there. Everywhere. He has come to lavish His divine love and kindness on those He created: Us! As we move into this Advent season, think of the love and kindness God has lavished on you.

Our first offering is for **The Refugee Fund**. It has been our privilege to sponsor people from other countries who need a new home. At this time our church hopes to help three refugees in Israel waiting to come to Canada at some time in the future. Please support this fund generously. Thank you.

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 Nikayla Reize (from Abundant Life Church) will share with us a Message. The offering will be for the House of Blessings.

Next week at River Park Church

Dec 2	Fellowship Lunch	After the Service
	Youth Group Leadership Meeting	5 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Dec 3	GEMS	6:30 pm
Dec 5	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	Seniors Ministry	10 am
	ESL by RPC	1 pm
	ICM Discipleship Training	7 pm
Dec 6	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	ESL by CIWA	10 am
	Friendship	7 pm
Dec 8	Ministry to Men	8 am
	Taekwondo	3 pm

River Park Family

Thank you from the **Hoogenboom & Folkerts** families as you shared your prayers with them. **Shannon** has been taken out of her coma and is making very small steps of improvements. Recovery will be a long slow process. Pray for continued healing, support, and wisdom to the medical staff.

Please be in prayer for **Dan M**, who is on a 5 week ministry trip in Southern India where he is ministering with other local pastors and sharing the gospel to many people including HIV sufferers, new Hindu converts, and college students.

Please pray for **Harry S**. Doctors have found two spots on his lungs and are preparing for laser treatment in the coming weeks. Pray for comfort, hope, patience and healing. May our Lord provide for all their needs.

River Park Life

Monthly Fellowship Lunch Today: Everyone 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 with clean-up is always appreciated.

Tree of Encouragement. In the foyer, we invite you to use the ribboned cards to write a word of encouragement for an individual, a group, or for all. It can be a Scripture text, a poem, a saying, or a note. The purpose is to offer encouragement to one and all this advent season. Hang your message on the tree to share. If you read a message that speaks to your heart, feel free to take it home with you. Let's fill the tree with hope, joy, love and peace.

A Friendly Reminder: To help everyone feel welcome please remember that RPC is a scent free environment.

RPC Youth: It's a regular Sunday! Youth Group from 6:30-8:30pm at RPC. We'll talk about 'being willing and ready from now on to live for Jesus' from the Heidelberg Catechism, and have a couple guests tell us how their life has been shaped by just that path. ALSO, if you want to come early to peek into plans for 2019, we'll have a leadership planning meeting from 5:00-6:15pm – as always, with PIZZA! See you then!

Christmas Eve Story & Candlelight Service: Come participate in the Great Celebration of Christmas where we welcome the Light of the whole world who came as a small child. Using "The Jesus Story Book Bible" we will hear and sing the great story of how God has been working through history to show His "Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always & Forever Love". This candlelight service, will be on Dec 24 at 6pm at RPC. This is the perfect time to invite your neighbours.

CRC Directory 2019: Today is your **LAST CHANCE** to review your contact information. Please make any changes necessary.

Sunday School Christmas Cards will be for sale starting on Dec 2. Proceeds go to the Alaakk Family Tuition Fund.

Home of Blessings, Suchitoto, El Salvador

Home of Blessings is a unique Christian ministry Centre in Suchitoto, El Salvador. This country and region have suffered brutal violence and oppression for 500 years, while being named in honour of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World, also called the Prince of Peace. Home of Blessings strives to promote shalom in the wonderful Kingdom of God. Shalom is peace, justice and right relationships, with God above all, and us, our neighbours and this awesome creation of God.

Home of Blessings is a Christian retreat and training Centre, an hour north of San Salvador. The Centre offers church leaders, pastors and other community leaders an opportunity to delve deeply into nature to discover the awesome beauty of God and learn how to work together as people in communities in harmony with creation to experience real, divine shalom. The Centre will have space for about 100 guests, and 30 overnight guests. It combines appropriate technology such as water catchment, composting toilets and solar power, with organic agriculture and livestock raising. Orchards, a fish pond and an apiary are also on site to offer guests diverse learning experiences and opportunities for healthy, sustainable, income generating strategies. Guests will be offered a range of practical theology and community development workshop themes, while also guided to prayer and meditation in the gardens and tropical jungle. Through all the ministry of Home of Blessings, people will be encouraged to engage with our loving, merciful, powerful God.

The next phase of construction at Home of Blessings includes the roof over the main section of the building. The estimated cost of this phase is \$25,000. A generous supporter has offered to match other contributions to a maximum of \$12,000 for this phase of the project. Your support for Home of Blessings is support for integral transformation, redemption and renewal, to the eternal glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Roland Vanderburg, Partner Missionary, Resonate Global Mission.

Greeters

<i>Dec 2</i>	Peter & Rachel Y, Jim & Pearl N
<i>Dec 9</i>	Hank & Willie V, Arnold & Emmy M

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
<i>Dec 2</i>	Herm S, Betty V, Quintina B
	Reception: Lisa D
<i>Dec 9</i>	Maryanne D, Jenny B, Judy V
	Reception: Cara M

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
<i>Dec 2</i>	Morris & Betty S
<i>Dec 9</i>	Joy & Caleb A, Stefanus & Lysawati T

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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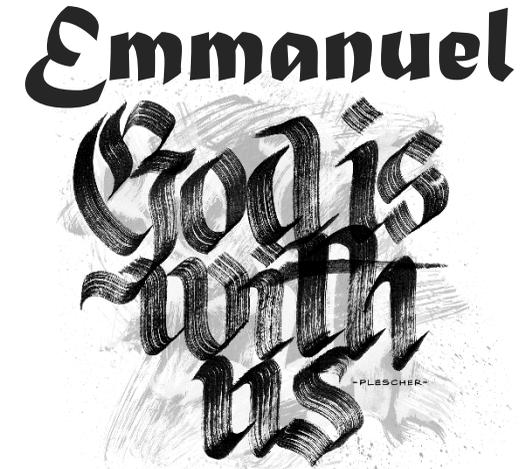
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All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ