

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 9, 2018

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Nikayla Reize

We Anticipate God with Us

Welcome

The Power Of Your Love

We Praise God with Us

God's Greeting

What The Lord Has Done In Me

Testimony of God with Us: Ruth R

Reading and Candle lighting: Yoon Family

Advent Prayer

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

We Experience God with Us

Children's Message: Cara M - Children are dismissed

River Park Life

Prayer of God's People

God's Word: Luke 4:16-21

Message: Sabbath Rest and the Prince of Peace

We are Grateful for God with Us

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Offering: The House of Blessings

Blessing

Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come

Music: Arnold M

Tech: Jim B, Floyd H, Phil D.

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 **House of Blessings**. House of Blessings is a unique Christian retreat and training Centre in Suchitoto, El Salvador. The Centre offers church leaders, pastors and other community leaders an opportunity to access a range of practical theology and community development workshop themes; all the while being encouraged to engage with our loving God and each other. Donations collected would be put towards the next phase of construction which is a roof over the main section of the building. For more details, see last week's note in the bulletin from Roland Vanderburg, Partner Missionary, Resonate Global Mission. Thank you for your generous support.

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 Heather Cowie (from The Road Church) will share with us the Message "Where There is Hope: Mary's Song" Based on the scripture Luke 1:46-55. The offering will be for the Benevolence Fund. Communion Service will be on Dec 30.

Next week at River Park Church

Dec 12	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	ESL by RPC	1 pm
	ICM Discipleship Training	7 pm
Dec 13	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	ESL by CIWA	10 am
	Friendship	7 pm
Dec 15	Ministry to Men	8 am

Continue to pray for **Shannon H**. 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

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

Sunday School is selling Christmas Cards this year again! Proceeds go to the Alaakk Family Tuition Fund.

RPC Youth: Today, we are invited to go visit the Hindu Mandir (their place of worship and gathering). Paul's friend, Usha Sharma, will host us. We'll start with a meal in the basement of the mandir, then be invited to see the main worship space, Usha will explain what it means for her to be a Hindu, what happens in the Mandir, a bit about reincarnation, and who are the many gods worshipped by the Hindu community. The plan: 11:45pm – gather & leave RPC together; 12:30pm – arrive at the Hindu Mandir, meet Usha, enjoy lunch; 1:30pm – meet with Usha to hear about Hinduism and see the Mandir. All are invited to Paul's home (2804 49 ST SW) afterwards for a little time of debrief. Likely done by 3:30/4pm. It will be an adventure, and good to be on together.

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.

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, 6 pm at RPC. This is the perfect time to invite your neighbours!

Greeters

Dec 9	Hank & Willie V, Arnold & Emmy M
Dec 16	Rob & Linda V, Walter & Nelly E

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
Dec 9	Maryanne D, Jenny B, Judy V
	Reception: Cara M
Dec 16	Pauline K, Abby T, Miriam K
	Reception: Joanne B

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Dec 9	Joy & Caleb A, Stefanus & Lysawati T
Dec 16	Mathilda B, Duane & Marianne K

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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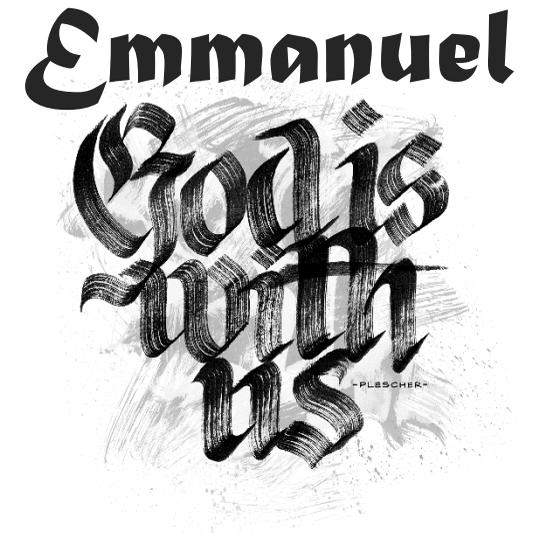
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