

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.

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

Dec 16, 2018

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Heather Cowie

We Anticipate God with Us

Welcome

What Child Is This

We Praise God with Us

God's Greeting

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Testimony of God with Us: Grace S

Reading & Candle lighting: Norma B, Jasen G, Allie G.

Advent Prayer

God With Us

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 1:46-55

Message: Where There is Hope: Mary's Song

We are Grateful for God with Us

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Offering: Benevolence Fund

I Surrender

Blessing

Angels We Have Heard On High

Worship Team

Music: Samara D, Bryan D, Pao N, Jennifer d.

Tech: Jim B, Floyd H, Lisa 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 **The Benevolence Fund.** Emmanuel, God with Us: Lavishing God's love on those in need (Benevolence Fund). With this fund, the deacons are able to lavish God's love on those individuals and families who need assistance accessing food, housing, or transportation by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

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.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Case Vink will share with us the Message. The offering will be for the Sonshine Children's Centre.

Next week at River Park Church

Dec 16	Youth Group Christmas Party	6:30 pm
Dec 17	GEMS	6:30 pm
Dec 19	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
Dec 20	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	Friendship	7 pm
Dec 22	Ministry to Men	8 am

River Park Family

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.

Ed and Jackie W would like to Thank each and everyone for their congratulations and good wishes for our 60th Anniversary. A Quote from an older family friend – "Old Age is a privilege denied many." Thanks so much! God Bless!

On behalf of the **d, V and N families**, thank you so much for your expressions of support and condolence during this time of our mom, Oma and great-Oma's passing. We have truly felt the love and support of our church family during this time. Thank-you!

Our sincere condolences to **John K** in the sudden death of his father in Ontario and to **Linda & Rob Vin** in the death of Linda's mother also in Ontario. May our heavenly Father grant them His peace and comfort during this time.

Art V was placed in palliative care on Thursday. Please be in prayer for Art and the family that they may be given God's peace as he nears the end of his earthly life.

Shannon H is still in ICU but she is stable and no longer in an induced coma. Please pray for healing of the lungs and for Shannon as she begins the long road to recovery.

Please pray for **Harry S** as he awaits further medical appointments. Please pray for comfort, hope, patience and healing. May our Lord provide for all their needs.

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.

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

Ministry Photographs: If you have any pictures of your ministry to share please give them to Jim Braaksma via his mailslot #23 or email: jayjaybee@shaw.ca.

Town Hall - On Jan 6th Council will be hosting a Town Hall meeting with the congregation. This isn't a typical format for a Town Hall meeting, as we're hosting this in conjunction with the congregational lunch. The intent of this Town Hall meeting is to help Council understand what the congregation is thinking as it relates to 4 key questions. Think of it as a foundation building exercise! So please make plans to attend the congregational lunch and to participate with us in this Town Hall meeting.

RPC Youth: Today, Dec 16 is a Christmas Party at Paul's house. It'll be 6:30-8:30pm. Bring a holiday treat or drink to share AND a wrapped gift (\$10 or less) for a gift exchange! Fri, Dec 21, is a Middle School Christmas Dance (The RPC High Schoolers will chaperone and help out). It's at RPC – doors open at 5:45pm, fancy Christmas dinner at 6:15pm, and dancing from 7:00-9:00pm (with a real DJ and lights and stuff). Cost is \$20 – and supports Wilson's cousins schooling in Kenya. So come on out, dress semi-formal, and bring friends! Also, let Paul know if you're coming – so we can have the right amount of food. Thanks!

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 16	Rob & Linda V, Walter & Nelly E
Dec 23	John & Christina T, Jerry & Kathy H

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
Dec 16	Pauline K, Abby T, Miriam K
	Reception: Joanne B
Dec 23	Sherryl Li, Jaden M, Judy V
	Reception: Sue P

Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Dec 16	Mathilda B, Duane & Marianne K
Dec 23	Joanne & Laura B, Dorothy D

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