

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) & Jacobs 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.

We are a scent free community, so those who have perfume sensitivities and allergies to scents would be able to join us.

Jan 6, 2019

10:00 am Worship

Pastor Paul Verhoef

Welcome

*O Worship The King*

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

Greeting

Children are invited to Sunday School & Jacobs Ladder

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: Sonshine Children’s Program

*God Of This City*

God’s Word: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: A Different Way

*In Christ Alone*

Blessing

*Lion Of Judah*

Worship Team

**Music:** Tom C, Pao N, Jennifer d, Monique V.

**Tech:** Jim B, Floyd H, Phil D.

Our Offerings

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

Our first offering is for the **Sonshine Children's Centre/Program**. Sonshine Community Services has opened its long-anticipated Children’s Centre, which is the first centre of its kind in Canada that provides daily, full-time therapeutic care to children traumatized by various experiences including domestic violence. The Sonshine Children’s Centre serves approximately 40 children ages 19 months to 6 years annually, including children who reside at the shelter and those referred from the community. The goal is to prevent the cycle of violence from continuing by intervening early on in children’s development, so they can grow into healthy, positive youth and adults. “I am now seeing women come to us for help who I saw in shelters as children fifteen years ago,” said Dr. Joy Johnson-Green, Sonshine’s Executive Director. “They are stuck in a generational cycle of violence, as they weren’t properly equipped to learn how to recognize and avoid abusive relationships. Through the Sonshine Children’s Centre’s innovative programming and experienced, trained staff, we can provide the specialized, consistent care that is so urgently needed.”

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.

**NEW 2019 tokens & electronic transfer forms are available on the info table.**

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Case Vink will share with us the Message. The offering will be for Inn from the Cold.

Next week at River Park Church

Jan 6	Town Hall & Fellowship Lunch	After the Service
Jan 7	Alpha	6 pm
Jan 8	Marda Loop Film - Breaking the	7 pm
Jan 9	Seniors Ministry	10 am
	Boys Club	7 pm
Jan 10	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	Friendship	7 pm
Jan 11	Home Church Group	7 pm
Jan 12	Ministry to Men	8 am

River Park Family

**Luke A & Cheryl V** will be joined in holy matrimony on the 17th of February, 2019. The ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm at the Lantern Church and is open to anyone who would like to show their love and support.

Congratulations to **Jake and Joanne V** on their 40th wedding anniversary January 6! May God continue to bless you together.

Please pray for **Sandy V** as she is undergoing tests.

Please pray for **Chris S** as he remains in the hospital but hopes to go home with no further digestive complications.

**Shannon H** is out of the ICU and making progress for which we give thanks to God for answered prayers!

Please pray for **Harry S**. Please pray for comfort, hope, patience and healing. May our Lord provide for all their needs.

River Park Life

**Fellowship Lunch, Today, Jan 6.** Everyone attending RPC today is invited to a Fellowship lunch downstairs. Following the service coffee will also be served 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 as well as participate in the discussion led by Council on River Park moving forward. Help with clean-up afterwards is always appreciated.

**Town Hall - Today** is our Town Hall meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the congregational lunch. This is a great opportunity to not only connect with others in the congregation, but to connect with Council as we look for insights from the congregation on 4 key questions. Please join us!

**Alaak Bottle Fundraiser:** Please drop your bottles today at the Currie’s blue minivan which will be in the church parking lot.

**A Big Thank You** to all who contributed to the gifts this Christmas for some 20 households in our church community. It was much appreciated by all the recipients. Thank you for your willingness to give some joy to those in various circumstances in their life, it made a difference!

**RPC Youth:** No Youth Group today, but you are welcome to join the RPC community after church for a conversation about “Where are we going...together?” Youth are an important voice in the community too! Jan 13 – Youth will meet 6:30-8:30pm at RPC. Jan 20 – Soup Lunch for Wilson’s cousins (be ready to bring a pot or two of soup)! And Youth that evening as well.

**Wonderful opportunities with Friendship Ministries @ RPC**

Friendship needs several people (18+ years old) to be a mentor for a person with disabilities. We currently have 3 friends looking for someone to build a relationship with, one of whom would really benefit by having a male mentor. If you're interested and want to find out what Friendship is all about, please come and join us on a Thursday evening (7 - 9 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. Be prepared to sing, laugh, share your faith, and socialize. For more information please give Chris Ages a call at 403-863-5898.

**Alpha:** We have been so blessed with seeing God work in the lives of those He has led to Alpha, and we are excited to see who God brings next! All who came, did so as a result of an invitation from someone in our church! So please consider praying for those you know who may want to explore questions of faith, life and purpose. Alpha begins again on January 7th!! Also, we are looking for helpers with the meal aspect of Alpha, so if you would like to volunteer, please talk to Sirkka or Rick Vandergraaf. "Many hands make easier work!"

**justREEL FILM SERIES:** Breaking the Cycle, Tues Jan 8, 7pm at RPC. Cost: FREE! Synopsis: Abuse in relationships is often a tragic secret that tears lives apart. One in three women are victims of domestic abuse. It is a tragedy that happens in every sector of society regardless of class, race, religion, education or gender. It is the victim's silence that becomes their abusers greatest weapon, allowing the cycle of pain to continue. Children who witness abuse, grow up believing it a normal part of relationships. Boys seeing their mothers disrespected and battered are more likely to grow up and do the same to their partners. Girls are more likely to grow up to find partners who abuse them. This cycle of domestic abuse and violence cannot be broken with silence. This is the story of a woman who went from victim to survivor, who found the strength and the voice to stop the abuse and break the cycle. Go to [justicefilmfestival.ca](http://justicefilmfestival.ca) for more information.

*Greeters*

Jan 6	John & Donna S, Bert & Alice H
Jan 13	Ruth R, Herm & Grace S

*Nursery Schedule*

	<b>Babies &amp; toddlers</b>
Jan 6	Maryanne D, Kiera B, Seon-Ju P
	<b>Reception:</b> Cara M
Jan 13	Laura B, Abby T, Pauline K
	<b>Reception:</b> Joanne B

*Coffee Hosts*

	<b>Serving &amp; clean-up (after service)</b>
Jan 6	John & Christine d, Troy & Laurel E
Jan 13	Geoffrey V & Jennifer P, 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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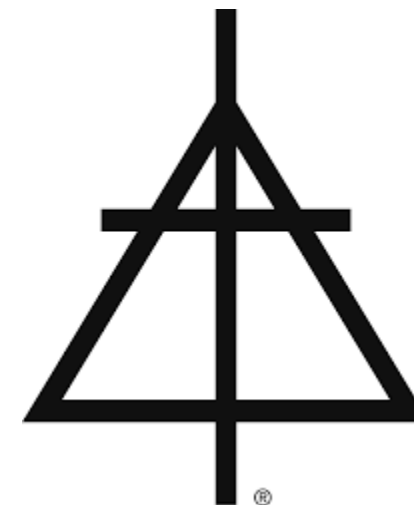
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*All Nations, One Community in Jesus Christ*