

Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

Gathering

The Nursery is available for Infants-Kindergarten.

The Alternative Worship Room (105) is available for those with sensory needs.

Please silence your cell phones and refrain from talking.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the welcome pads located at the end of each pew.

You may also sign in electronically by scanning the code.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

All: Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

One: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,

All: sing praises to your name."

One: Come and see what God has done:

All: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

One: Bless our God, O peoples,

All: let the sound of his praise be heard.

† HYMN #610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we take Your grace and presence for granted. We fail to see Your hand in our lives and become ungrateful for the blessings You give us. Forgive us for our lack of appreciation. Help us to see You in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

One: Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Let us exchange a gesture of peace with our neighbors, and remain standing for our
Response to Forgiveness.*

† RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Laura Smith

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do. Prepare our hearts to accept your word and silence in us any voice but your own, that we may hear and obey your will. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
THE GOSPEL LESSON

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Luke 17: 11-19

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“ Total Praise ”

R. Smallwood, arr. by J. Raney

Choir

SERMON

“ Thank You Wave ”

Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we joyfully bring our gifts to you today. Help us use our resources wisely, serve others with open hearts, and seek what is good for your sake. Teach us that where our treasure is, that is where our hearts will be, too. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* #542, Verse 1

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025

Sanctuary: 126 Online: 8

Interested in membership?

*Contact our Church Administrator to arrange a meeting with Pastor Neal Carter.
704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org*

Administrative Office

Macie will be out of the office the week of October 13, 2025 and will return October 20, 2025. Have a blessed week!

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Celebration Lunch

RRPC Women and Youth are planning a Celebration Lunch for Hailey Willson and Adonis Lebada on Sunday, October 26, 2025 after worship and all are invited to join! We will see you there to wish them well on their new journey together.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Trunk or Treat

October 29, 2025

6:45 PM to 7:30 PM

Candy donations and volunteers to decorate their trunks are needed. Drop off donations in the lay office bin.

Contact: Nancy Tipton - ntipton71@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, Oct. 15
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Menu: PARM CHICKEN PASTA

We ask for four people each week to bring a dessert. Please contact Nancy Tipton, ntipton71@gmail.com / 704-309-0369

**Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal**

**Parm Chicken
Pasta**

Oct. 15, 2025
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

\$10/PERSON -
\$15/COUPLE - \$25/FAMILY



**American
Red Cross**
Blood Drives

RRPC Blood Drive

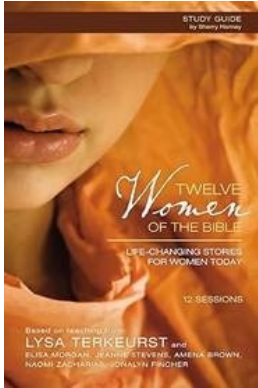
Tuesday, Oct. 28

2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

October 14, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Room 216 - 2nd floor

Twelve Women of the Bible by Lysa Terkeurst, Elisa Morgan, et.al. Using the study guide by Sherry Harney.

For further information contact Barbara Whaley at rnbwhaley@ctc.net



GriefShare 13 - Week Class

Tuesdays: Aug. 19 - Nov. 11

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Questions? Contact Joan Nicholson, jnich1@hotmail.com, 704-239-1573



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 19, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to come and share in good food and fellowship. This breakfast is held the third Sunday of each month.

Questions? Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

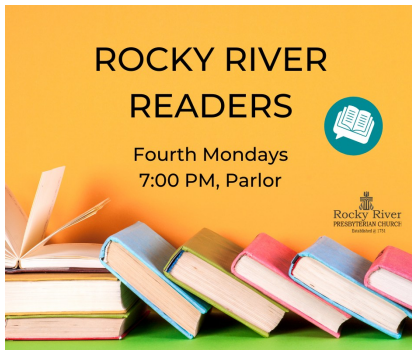


Game Night

Friday, Oct. 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adults gather for board and card games the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month! No registration required. All are welcome for a bit of laughs and friendly competition!

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Rocky River Readers

Monday, Oct. 27, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Inheritance by Nora Roberts

View the 2025 reading list at
www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.
Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, November 4
Morning: 10:00 am, Session Room
Evening: 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to join a circle!
Morning: Linda Clark, 704-458-2472
Evening: Elaine Vincent, 704-575-0396

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Program **Starts, October 19, 2025**

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program will begin Oct. 19th at 3:30pm. This year's program will be a telling of the Nativity story from the Bible with scripture, music, and costumes!

Christmas Costume Wishlist **Delivered by: November 9, 2025**

Our children need your help to get new Christmas pageant costumes. To make it as easy as possible, we have chosen specific costumes. Please, use the QR code to purchase directly from our Amazon wishlist. Costumes can be sent to the church, with delivery by Nov. 9th. Please let us know which costumes you've purchased in case returns need to be made.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Smith,
laura.rrpc@gmail.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY

2026 Youth Mission Trip - Sign Ups Coming Soon! June 21–26, 2026

Join us for a Disaster Relief Mission Trip with Experience Mission serving communities in Western North Carolina still rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. This week will include hands-on rebuilding and repair projects, daily devotions and worship, and meaningful time with friends and community. Open to youth ages 14 and up and adult leaders, the trip costs \$245 per person and will take place within two hours of Hot Springs, NC. Your time and energy will make a lasting difference. Come be part of God's work of renewal and hope!

Sign-ups coming soon — see Hailey Wilson (rockyriveryouth@gmail.com) for more information or to express interest.

Youth Pantry Drive OCT.: BABY WIPES

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO RRPC!
Questions - Hailey Wilson or email us at RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com.



Join the RRPC Youth Mailing List

Join our mailing list to stay connected and help shape the upcoming programs. Receive our weekly newsletter with updates and quick lessons for all ages. Scan the QR code or email RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com.





A sign for a food pantry, set against a background of shelves stocked with various food items. The sign is white with a logo at the top left consisting of a stylized heart shape made of two figures. Below the logo, the text reads 'HARRISBURG CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY' and 'FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE'. To the right of this text is a large QR code. At the bottom left, the text 'MONDAYS, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.' is displayed. At the bottom right, the logo for 'Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' is shown, with 'Est. @ 1751' underneath.



The YMCA @ Rocky River Presbyterian Church



ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS



Monday thru Wednesday
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY

NEW PLAYGROUND PROJECT!

RRPC's Building & Grounds Ministry has begun work to rebuild our playground!

Your donations will help provide a safe, functional place for children to play.

Scan the code to donate, write "Playground" on your check, or give online at www.rockyriver.org/give



Our Session		
CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Scott Jones <i>Finance and Administration</i>	Sandra Thomas <i>Finance & Administration</i>	Shirley Rockel <i>Finance & Administration</i>
Reggie Hunnicutt <i>Worship</i>	Priscilla Giuliano <i>Worship</i>	Barbara Whaley <i>Worship</i>
Nancy Tipton, Clerk of Session <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Joe Novobilski <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Robert Remsburg <i>Congregational Connections</i>
Billy Carriker <i>Building and Grounds</i>	Steve Irminger <i>Building and Grounds</i>	David Murray <i>Building and Grounds</i>
Amy Huster <i>Christian Education</i>	Theresa Watson <i>Christian Education</i>	Nicole Schneider <i>Christian Education</i>

COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE	Building and Grounds:	The 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
	Worship:	The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.
	Finance & Administration:	The 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
	Christian Education:	The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
	Congregational Connections:	The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteer Schedules		
Counters	WNF Set-Up	WNF Clean-Up
Week 1: Joe Novobilski and Sandra Thomas	Week 1: C3 and Gero	Irminger
Week 2: Steve Jewett and Kenza Mitchem	Week 2: Daoust	Troops 7 and 83
Week 3: Shirley Rockel and Darrell Thomas	Week 3: (Open)	Mitchem / Carter
Week 4: Scott Jones and Frank Reynolds	Week 4: (Open)	Whaley/ Bedsole/ Glosson
Week 5: Bob Remsburg and Don Chase	Week 5: Tipton	Tipton / Earley

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
2025 BUDGET:	\$459,641
TOTAL GIVEN YTD:	\$342,387
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303
TOTAL FOR OCT.:	\$10,978
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839
TOTAL FOR OCT. 5:	\$10,978

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Youth Ministry: Hailey Wilson • 704.455.2479 • rockyriveryouth@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.