

Committee Meeting Schedule

<u>Building and Grounds:</u> 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm	<u>Christian Education:</u> 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 am
<u>Worship:</u> 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm	<u>Congregational Connections:</u> 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 am
<u>Finance & Administration:</u> 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm	

Counters

Week 1:		WNF Set-Up	WNF Clean-Up
Joe Novobilski and Sandra Thomas	Week 1		
Week 2:			
Steve Jewett and Kathy Linker	Week 2	Daoust	Troops 7 & 83
Week 3:			
Shirley Rockel and Darrell Thomas	Week 3		Mitchem/ Carter
Week 4:			
Scott Jones and Frank Reynolds	Week 4		Whaley/ Glosson
Week 5:			
Bob Remsburg and Don Chase	Week 5	Tipton	Tipton/ Earley

Stewardship Report

2026 Budget:	\$387,970
Total Given YTD:	\$339,315
Needed Each Month:	\$38,797
Total For October:	\$26,156
Needed Weekly:	\$8,953
Total For October 25:	\$7,389

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Pastor:

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Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026



All Saints' Sunday
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

Rocky River Presbyterian Church • 7940 Rocky River Road • Concord NC 28025
www.rockyriver.org • 704-455-2479

Gathering

The Nursery is available for Infants-Kindergarten.
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

- One: We gather surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
- All: We come to worship the God who was, who is, and who is to come.**
- One: Saints have trusted Christ through joy and sorrow, through struggle and triumph.
- All: Their faith bears witness to the faithfulness of God.**
- One: Come, let us worship the God who gathers people from every tribe, language, and nation.
- All: To our God belongs salvation, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might forever. Amen.**

† HYMN #394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.



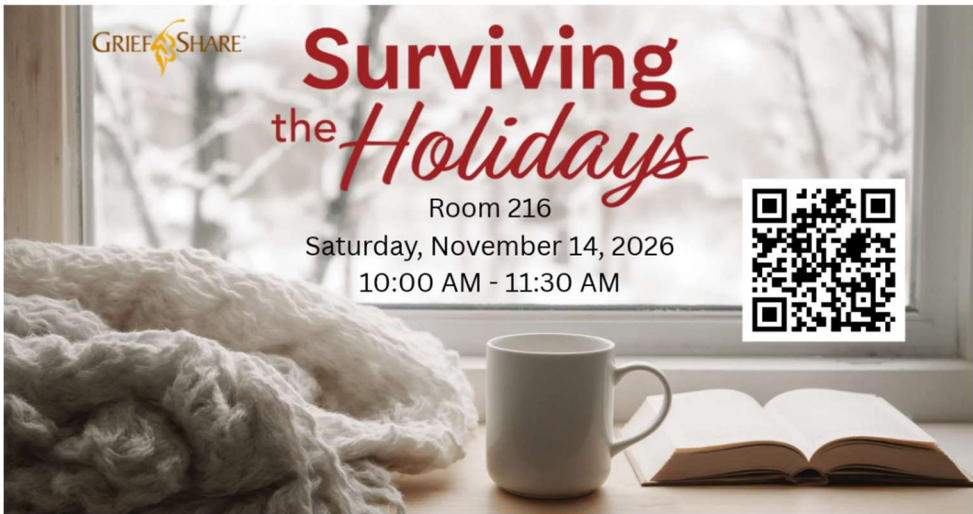
	Our Session		
	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Finance & Administration	Sandra Thomas	Shirley Rockel	Jim Pharr
Worship	Priscilla Giuliano	Barbara Whaley	Claudia Bedsole
Congregational Connections	Joe Novobilski, Clerk of Session	Robert Remsburg	Ashelyn Earley
Building and Grounds	Steve Irminger	David Murray	Jimmy Stafford
Christian Education	Theresa Watson	Nicole Schneider	Elaine Tankersley

Rocky River Presbyterian Church cookbook, [Come to the Table](#), is finished!

Thank you to everyone who shared recipes, family favorites, and memories to help make this cookbook such a special reflection of our church family. You can browse the entire cookbook online, along with the newly digitized 1989 Rocky River Recipes booklet. Print copies of *Come to the Table* are also available for purchase through the website.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped preserve these recipes and stories for generations to come!

View via the QR Code below or via the website:
<https://rrpccookbook.netlify.app/>



† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, on this All Saints' Day we remember those who have gone before us in faith, and we confess that we do not always live as those who belong to your holy communion. We have admired the saints without imitating their courage. We have honored their memory while neglecting their witness. We have forgotten that sainthood is not perfection but perseverance in following Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the ways we have lost heart. Forgive us for our impatience, our fear, our reluctance to love our enemies, and our unwillingness to seek justice. By your Spirit, renew us. Make us faithful companions of those who have gone before us and faithful witnesses for those who will come after us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scarlett Sigler

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18–20).

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Ashelyn Earley, Presenting Elder

- Ashelyn: On behalf of the session, I present Scarlett Sigler, daughter of Maddison and Stephen Sigler to receive the sacrament of Baptism.
- Neal: Maddison and Stephen, do you desire that Scarlett be baptized?
- Parents: We do.
- Neal: Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

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RRPC Youth Fall 2026 Dates

Mark your calendars for a fun and busy fall with RRPC Youth!

Nov. 15 - Salvation Army Youth Volunteer Night

Our youth will spend the evening serving tacos at the Salvation Army and helping care for members of our community. This is a meaningful opportunity to serve together and share Christ’s love through action. Additional details will be shared with the youth and families participating.

Dec. 5 @ 5:30 PM - Youth Christmas Party

Celebrate Christmas with RRPC Youth! Join us for food, fellowship, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a fun or silly wrapped gift to participate. More details will be shared as we get closer.

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS



GGC Smokehouse Food Truck
Wednesdays - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Make sure to give them a follow!
@ggcsmokehouse

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's Christmas Program December 13, 10:00am

The Children's Christmas Program rehearsals are on Sundays, 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch to enjoy together. Rehearsals will continue every week until the program is presented on Dec. 13 at 10:00am. Please see Laura Smith for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Pantry Drive NOV.: GRAVY & CRANBERRY SAUCE

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO
RRPC!

Questions - Hailey Lebada 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.

Parents: We do.

Neal: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ at Rocky River Presbyterian Church, promise to guide and nurture Scarlett by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: We do.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace. We praise you that through the waters of the sea, you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise. We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection, you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth. We praise you that in baptism you give us your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood. Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be the place of new birth. May all who now pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind them to the household of faith, guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.

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LAYING ON OF HANDS

Lord, uphold Scarlett by your Holy Spirit. Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

WELCOME

One: Scarlett Sigler has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, You have spoken through prophets and apostles, saints and martyrs, pastors and teachers. By the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to hear your living Word. Grant that these Scriptures may comfort us in grief, strengthen us in discipleship, and encourage us in hope. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

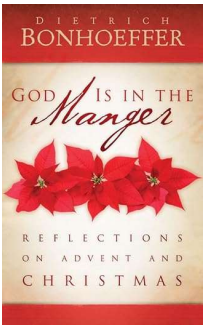
One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Rejoice and Be Glad* Kevin McChesney
Handbell Choir

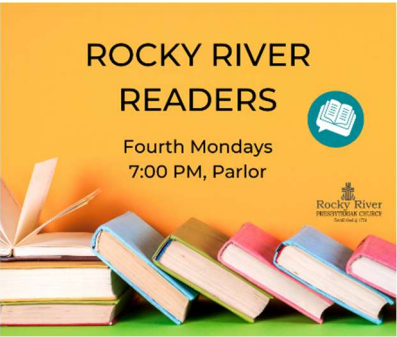
SERMON “They Kept Showing Up” Neal Carter

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Men’s Advent Study
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm - Session Room
Tuesday, December 1, 2026, weekly until December 22, 2026
Studying: *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This book can be ordered online. Please register with Macie by Nov. 19th and feel free to bring your own lunch this year.



Rocky River Readers
Monday, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm, Parlor
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

View the 2026 reading list at
www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.
Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Women's Circle Meetings
Tuesday, Nov. 3
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



Game Night
Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, 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



Men's Breakfast
Sunday, Nov. 15, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

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

Questions? Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

On All Saints' Day (November 1), the Church remembers all who have died and "gone before us." In faith, we believe that we remain united with our loved ones because the Kingdom of God is not bound by death. "I believe in...the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen." (The Apostles' Creed)

We remember especially those members who have died in the past year: Bill Alexander Jr., Gary Drinnen, Jonathan Donnelly, and Anna Melvin.

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.

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.

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† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of generations past, present, and yet to come, we thank you for the saints whose generosity sustained your Church and whose witness still blesses our lives. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to your kingdom. Use them to proclaim good news, strengthen your Church, comfort the grieving, welcome the stranger, and bear witness to the resurrection hope we share with all your saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #326 *For All the Saints*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* #80

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, October 25, 2026
Sanctuary: 110 Online:

Online Giving

Scan the QR code to give tithes and offerings online.

Interested in membership?

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



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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP
COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: SOUPS

We ask for four people each week to bring a dessert. Please contact Robert Rensburg, rrensburg@yahoo.com.



RRPC Blood Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 24
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

Nov. 3, 2026 - 9:00 am
Room 214 - 2nd floor

The Miracles of Jesus edited by Matt Williams.

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

