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Morning Worship

at Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Saints' Sunday

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

One: On this All Saints' Day, our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

One: In life and in death,

All: We belong to God.

One: Baptized into Christ's death,

All: We live unto him.

One: Come; so let us give thanks for the saints this day, and let us worship God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

† HYMN #267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us with servants among us and saints before us, we confess our sins against you and our neighbors. We fail to follow the example and heed the wisdom of those who have come before us in faith. Our own desires and pride so often cloud our vision and consume our energy, causing us to neglect the needs of others and the path of sacrificial love shown to us in Christ. Forgive us for our failings and the times we have been complacent in our discipleship. Free us from the legacy of our sins and inspire us by the witness of your saints to live more faithfully in your name. Amen.

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

† 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 10-Cents-A-Meal Offering Neal Carter

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit, prepare the way
in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious
signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19: 1-10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “ Evening Prayer ” Humperdinck, arr. by Herbek
Handbells

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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 PRAYERS OF 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: Helene R. C. Linenberger, Doris B. Alexander, Camilla G. R. Alexander, Robert E. Alexander

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*

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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

One: All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation.

All: We bring these gifts, and with them, the gifts of our lives.

One: With all the faithful of every time and place, we praise you and dedicate ourselves and our offerings for your reign.

All: Use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #326

For All the Saints

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

#542, Verse 1

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025

Sanctuary: 106 Online: 75

Interested in membership?

Contact our Church Administrator to arrange a meeting with Pastor Neal Carter.

704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY MEAL

**Wednesday, Nov. 5
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Menu: SOUPS

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



RRPC Blood Drive

**Tuesday, Nov. 25
2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

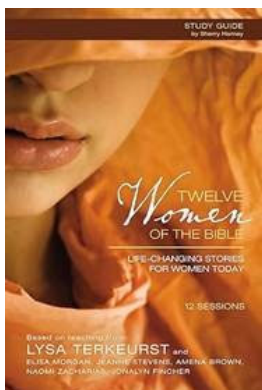
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

**Men's Advent Study
12:30 pm - Session Room**

The Men's Advent Study will begin on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, and be each week until December 23, 2025. More information to come!



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Nov. 4, 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 mbwhaley@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



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



Game Night

Friday, Nov. 14, 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

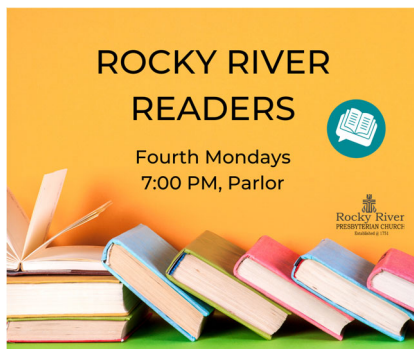


Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 16, 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



Rocky River Readers

Monday, Nov. 25, 7:00 pm, Parlor

***The Naturalist* by Andrew Mayne**

View the 2025 reading list at

www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Program Every Sunday - 3:30 PM

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

The program will be presented December 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

After Church Fellowship: The Book of Daniel Sunday, November 9, 2025

We'll have lunch, watch a movie (The Book of Daniel), and then have a brief discussion on the movie's main themes.

Sign Up for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip **June 21–26, 2026**

Join us for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip, happening June 21–26 in Western North Carolina.

Open to youth ages 14+ and adult leaders, this trip will focus on disaster relief efforts in communities still recovering from Hurricane Helene. The total cost is \$245 per person, with a \$100 deposit due by November 28 to hold your spot, with final payment due Feb. 27. We'll spend the week working on repair projects, sharing meals, worshiping together, and building lasting connections.

Sign up via the newsletter link or scan the QR code.
Questions? Contact Hailey Lebada at RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com.



Youth Salvation Army Meal Day (Serving) **Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Our youth will help serve a meal at the Salvation Army. A meaningful opportunity to give back and share Christ's love in action.

Youth Pantry Drive **NOV.: CANNED VEGGIES**

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.

TEN CENTS-A-MEAL



Donations accepted the first
Sunday of each month
and every
Wednesday Night Fellowship
Dinner!

A white rectangular sign is placed in front of shelves stocked with various food items. The sign features the following content:

- Logo:** A stylized heart shape composed of two human figures, one in blue and one in green, holding hands.
- Text:**
 - HARRISBURG CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY** (in blue, all caps)
 - FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** (in smaller blue, all caps)
- QR Code:** A standard black and white QR code.
- Hours:**
 - MONDAYS,** (in large, bold, blue, all caps)
 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** (in blue, all caps)
- Church Logo and Name:**
 - A small logo of a church steeple.
 - Rocky River** (in blue, serif font)
 - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (in smaller blue, all caps)
 - Est. @ 1751** (in smaller blue, all caps)



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	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:	\$362,332
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303
TOTAL FOR OCT.:	\$30,923
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839
TOTAL FOR OCT. 26:	\$4,940

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

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