



**Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of the Lord
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 (Psalm 99)

One: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble.

All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

One: The LORD is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the LORD.

One: For the LORD our God is holy.

All: Let us worship God.

† HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we prefer glory without cost and faith without obedience. We build shelters for comfort instead of following Christ into the world's pain. We listen to many voices—fear, anger, self-interest—and neglect the voice of your Beloved Son. Forgive us, O God. Touch us where we have fallen. Raise us from fear to faith, from silence to witness, from spectators to disciples. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Laura Smith

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, on the mountain you spoke from the cloud, and in Christ you speak to us still. Quiet the noise within us, lift the fog of our fear, and by your Spirit help us listen—that your Word may transfigure our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Isabella Murray, Laura Smith

Kendrick, arr. by Fettke

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

SERMON

“ Transfigured to be Transformed ”

Rev. Dr. Stuart Dugan

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.

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

Transfiguring God, you have given us light for the journey and grace for the road ahead. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them—and us—to reflect the light of Christ in a world longing for hope. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN #507, Verse 1 *Come to the Table of Grace*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

† Please Stand • **Congregation reads words in bold.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Please hold each element until everyone is served, as a sign of our unity in Christ. We will partake on cue from the minister.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. As we come down from this Table, send us out transfigured by your grace—to listen to Christ, to follow him into the world, and to bear his light wherever fear still falls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| † HYMN #406 | <i>We Are Standing on Holy Ground</i> | |
| † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | | |
| † RESPONSE | <i>May the God of Hope Go with Us</i> | #765 |
| † POSTLUDE | | |

Attendance for Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026

Sanctuary: 115 Online: 68

Interested in membership?

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

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

2025 Giving Statements

Please make sure you stop in the vestibule to receive your 2025 Giving Statement. They are in alphabetical order by last name. They will be mailed out to the address on file if they are not picked up by 2-15-26.

*If you do not see your statement, please contact the Church Administrator:
Macie Melton, churchadmin@rockyriver.org, 704-455-2479*

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Menu: LASAGNA - CAESAR SALAD

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



**American
Red Cross**
Blood Drives

RRPC Blood Drive

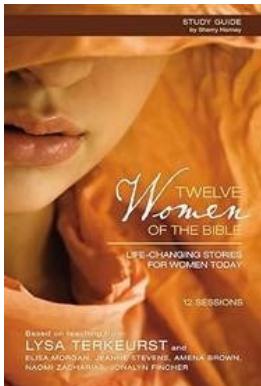
**Tuesday, Feb. 24
2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

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



† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



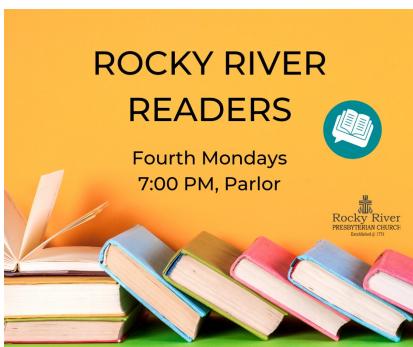
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Feb. 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Room 216 - 2nd floor

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

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



Rocky River Readers

Monday, Feb. 23, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Traveling Through History by Janet Morrison

View the 2026 reading list at

www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.
Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



Game Night

Friday, Feb. 27, 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

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

FIRST TUESDAYS
Morning: 10:00 a.m., Parlor
Evening: 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Established 1751

Women's Circles

Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, March 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

Taco Tuesday

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m., La Unica

Young adults, join Pastor Neal for a casual time of tacos and discussion. Let's Taco 'Bout It!

Questions? Contact Neal Carter, 980-280-9688



RRPC
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Third Sundays
9:00 am - Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are welcome!

Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 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 the third Sunday of each month.

Questions? Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

THEOLOGY ON TAP
7:00 p.m., Percent Tap House
Second Monday of the month

Join Pastor Neal for a casual time of fellowship and discussion.

Questions? Contact Neal Carter, 980-280-9688

Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Established 1751

Theology On Tap

Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m., Percent Tap House

Join Pastor Neal for a casual time of fellowship and discussion. This gathering is held the second Monday of each month.

Questions? Contact Neal Carter, 980-280-9688

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Communion Class

Feb. 22, 2026 – 12:15 PM

Room 215

All elementary aged children are invited to come learn about the sacrament of communion. Pastor Neal will be joining us to teach about why we take communion and the meaning behind the sacrament. Lunch will be served.

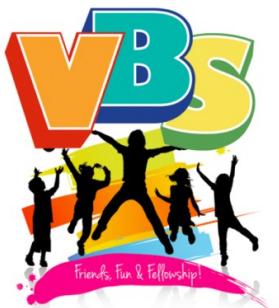
Please let Laura know if you will be attending, laura.rrpc@gmail.com

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!

March 1, 2026 – 2:30 PM

Families of all ages are invited to join us for The Uwharrie Players' production of *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* on Sunday, March 1st. Please use the QR code to sign up for tickets by February 22nd. Tickets are free for ages 13 and under and \$10 for those over 13. Once you reserve your tickets, Laura will make the group purchase and distribute them to you. We will meet at The Albemarle Neighborhood Theatre at 2:30 PM to get seats together. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Laura Smith, laura.rrpc@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATES!

This year's VBS will be July 12-16.
More information coming soon!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Events

Mark your calendars! Join us for fun, faith, and service—games, movies, Bible talks, and planning ways to bless our church and community.

Save the Dates:

- Feb. 22 | 12:30–2 PM
- March 15 | 12:30–2 PM
- March 22 | 12:30–2 PM

Youth Pantry Drive FEB.: CANNED FOOD

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.



The YMCA @ Rocky River Presbyterian Church 

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS



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



GGC Smokehouse Food Truck Every Wednesday

Wednesdays - 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Make sure to give them a follow! - @ggcsmokehouse

An advertisement for the Food Pantry. It features a collage of various food items on the perimeter. In the center, the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry logo (a stylized heart with blue and yellow) and the text "HARRISBURG CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE" are on the left. On the right, the text "FOOD PANTRY" is in large blue letters, accompanied by a QR code. Below the QR code is the Rocky River Presbyterian Church logo (a stylized "R" and "P") and the text "Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Est. @ 1751". At the bottom, the text "MONDAYS, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m." is displayed.

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

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| COMMITTEES | Building and Grounds: | The 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. |
| MEETING | Worship: | The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. |
| SCHEDULE | 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: | Irminger |
| Week 2: | Steve Jewett and Kathy Linker | Week 2: | Troops 7 and 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 / Earley |

| STEWARDSHIP REPORT | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 2026 BUDGET: | \$465,561 |
| TOTAL GIVEN YTD: | \$39,868 |
| NEEDED EACH MONTH: | \$38,797 |
| TOTAL FOR FEB.: | \$16,923 |
| NEEDED WEEKLY: | \$8,953 |
| TOTAL FOR FEB. 8: | \$16,923 |

Rocky River Presbyterian Church • 7940 Rocky River Road • Concord NC 28025
www.rockyriver.org • 704.455.2479 • fax: 704.455.2489

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Neal Carter • 704.455.2479 or 910.280.9688 • nealcarter64@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Macie Melton • 704.455.2479 • churchadmin@rockyriver.org

Music and Children's Ministries: Laura Smith • 704.796.3198 • laura.rrpc@gmail.com

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

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