



Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM

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 electronically by scanning the code.*



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are seeking light in the darkness.

All: We come trusting God will open our eyes.

One: Come, all who stumble in doubt or fear.

All: We come to follow the One who brings sight to the blind.

One: God calls us to see the world with mercy and grace.

All: Let us worship the God who makes all things new.

† HYMN #452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess our tendency to judge and assign blame, to claim sight when our vision is limited. We have overlooked those in need; we have ignored opportunities to witness your grace. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes, our hearts, and our lives to the work you are doing in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Light. Amen.

† A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

† Please Stand • Congregation reads words in bold.

† 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

**God of light and truth, as you opened the eyes of the blind, open our hearts to
see your presence in our lives, in our communities, and in the world. Speak to
us now through your Word. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1–41

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. by Larson

Handbell Choir

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. We trust in Jesus Christ, who reveals God’s light to those who cannot see, and calls us to witness to the world. 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

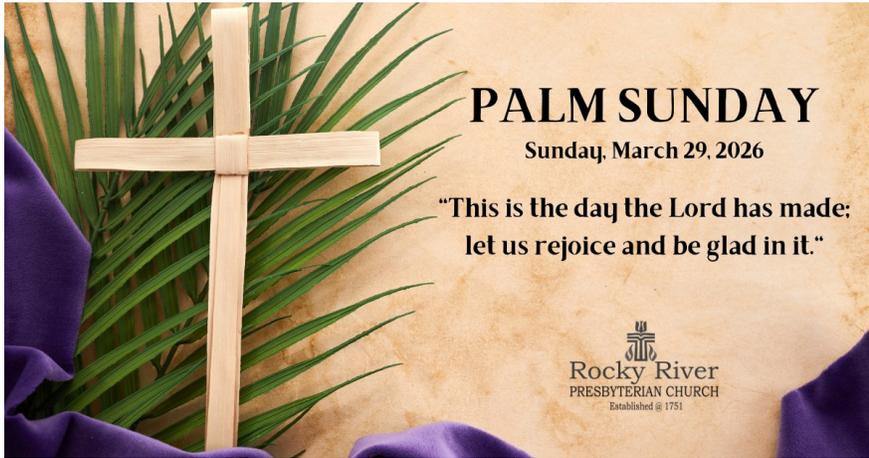
OFFERTORY

† 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, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to open eyes, restore sight, and bring your light to those in darkness. We offer ourselves with them, through Jesus Christ, our Light. Amen.



PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 29, 2026

**"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."**


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MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 2, 2026

Communion-To-Go Worship Service
10:30 am - 12:00 pm 7:00 pm


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Flowering of the Cross
Easter Morning
9:45 am


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EASTER SUNDAY
April 5, 2026

Easter Breakfast
10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Worship
11:00 am

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**EASTER REMEMBRANCE
OFFERING**

BENEFITTING THE HCAM FOOD PANTRY

DONATE BY PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Forms are located in the vestibule. Please submit during worship or online by Palm Sunday, March 29.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

**WNF SCOUT
NIGHT**

BURGERS
*** Veggie Option

March 18, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCOUT NIGHT

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: **BURGERS**
***Veggie Option**

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



RRPC Blood Drive

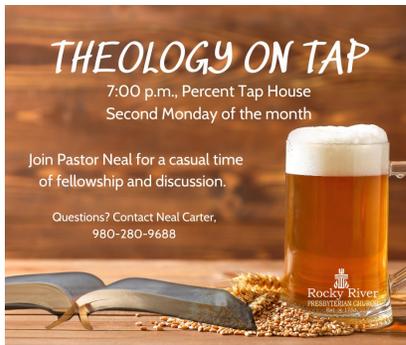
Tuesday, March 24

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

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



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

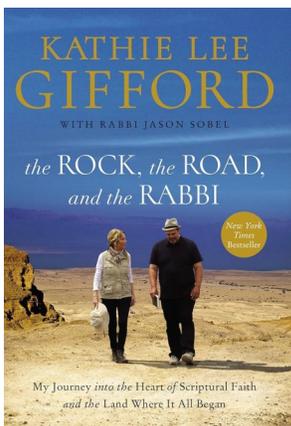


Theology On Tap

Monday, March 16, 7:00 pm, 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



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

March 17, 2026 - 9:00 am

Room 214 - 2nd floor

The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford
with Rabbi Jason Sobel

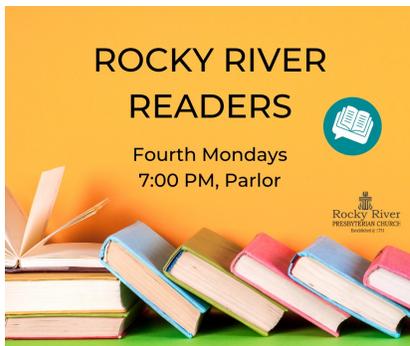
For further information contact Barbara Whaley at
mbwhaley@ctc.net



Men's Lent Book Study
March 17, 24, & 31 - Session Room

This year, bring your own lunch. Discussion guides are available in the vestibule.

Week 1: Lent Week 01 Week 3: Lent Weeks 04 & 05
 Week 2: Lent Weeks 02 & 03 Week 4: Lent Week 06



Rocky River Readers
Monday, March 23, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Where the Rivers Merge by Mary Alice Monroe

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



Game Night

Friday, March 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



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, April 7
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



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 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

Taco Tuesday

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm, 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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



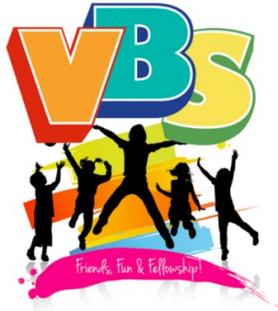
Children's Faith and Fellowship

April 12, 2026 – 12:15 PM

Room 220

Children, K-5, are invited for a time of learning and fun! Lunch will be provided.

Please email Laura Smith to be counted for lunch.
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:

- **Sunday, March 22** | 12:30–2 PM: St. Paddy's Day Party!
- **Saturday, March 28** | 8 AM to 2 PM: Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser Breakfast
- **Sunday, April 12** | 12:30–2 PM: Pre-Mission Trip Meeting (Mandatory for Participants)
 - **Sunday, April 26** | 1 –3 PM: Picnic at Pharr Mill Park

Youth Pantry Drive

MARCH: LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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.

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 MEETING SCHEDULE	Building and Grounds: Worship: Finance & Administration: Christian Education: Congregational Connections:	The 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
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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:	Daoust	Troops 7 and 83
Week 3:	Shirley Rockel and Darrell Thomas	Week 3:		Mitchem / Carter
Week 4:	Scott Jones and Frank Reynolds	Week 4:	Bedsole	Whaley/ Glosson
Week 5:	Bob Remsburg and Don Chase	Week 5:	Tipton	Tipton / Earley

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2026 BUDGET:	\$465,561
TOTAL GIVEN YTD:	\$69,098
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR MARCH:	\$14,385
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR MARCH 8:	\$5,035

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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.