



# Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



**Morning Worship**  
**at Rocky River Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**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: The risen Christ comes into our locked rooms.

**All: And speaks peace to fearful hearts.**

One: The risen Christ breathes new life into tired disciples.

**All: And sends us into the world with hope.**

One: The risen Christ meets us even in our doubt.

**All: And calls us to believe and to live.**

One: Let us worship the living God!

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

† HYMN #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Lord, we confess that we often live as if fear is stronger than faith, as if death has the final word, as if locked doors can keep you out. We confess our doubts, our hesitations, our reluctance to trust your promises. We confess that we want proof where you offer peace, and certainty where you offer grace. Forgive us, O God. Breathe your Spirit upon us again. Open our hearts to your life-giving presence, 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

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and  
our hearts to trust the living Word among us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19–31

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Lloyd Larson

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

**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

**Generous God, you have given us life, hope, and peace in the risen Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them—and use us—to bear witness to your reconciling love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## The 2026 RRPC College Scholarship Applications are open!

2026 Graduates who are interested in applying will be sent an application form upon request.

The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000. Up to three scholarships will be awarded this year. To be eligible, the student must be an active, confirmed member of the congregation.

Interested students can reach out to the contact below for questions and application.

All scholarship forms must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on May 28th to the church office.

*Questions - Contact Shirley Rockel, rockelshirley1@yahoo.com.*

## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal**

**Baked Potato Bar**



April 15, 2026  
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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

  
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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL YOUTH

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Menu: BAKED POTATO BAR**

We ask for four people each week to bring a dessert.

Please contact Robert Remsburg,  
rremsburg@yahoo.com.



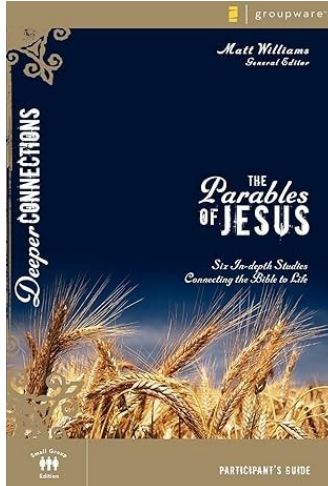
### RRPC Blood Drive

**Tuesday, April 28  
2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.



## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

April 14, 2026 - 9:00 am  
Room 214 - 2nd floor

**The Parables of Jesus** edited by Matt Williams

For further information contact Barbara Whaley at  
[rnbwhaley@ctc.net](mailto:rnbwhaley@ctc.net)



### 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

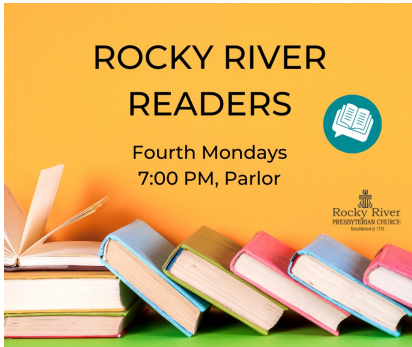


### Game Night

**Friday, April 24, 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



**Rocky River Readers**  
**Monday, April 27, 7:00 pm, Parlor**

**The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner**

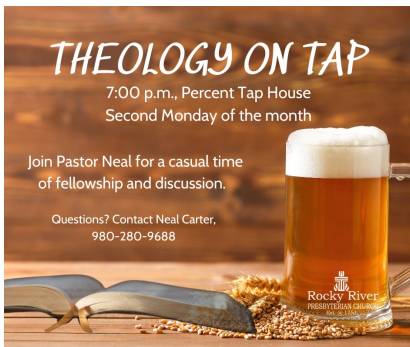
View the 2026 reading list at  
[www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers](http://www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers).  
 Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



**Women's Circle Meetings**

**Tuesday, May 5**  
**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



**Theology On Tap**

**Monday, May 11, 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

**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



**Card Games for Kids**  
April 19, 2026 – 12:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall



On April 19th following worship, children are invited to play card games such as Uno, Go Fish, and Memory. If you'd like to bring an easy-to-play card game to share with the group, please do! Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to Laura Smith, [laura.rrpc@gmail.com](mailto:laura.rrpc@gmail.com), by April 15th to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

**Family Picnic**  
May 17, 2026 – 12:00 PM  
Frank Liske Park



Families are invited to join us for fun and fellowship at Frank Liske Park in the Wildlife Shelter. Please bring your own picnic dinner. Playground areas are available. Some available activities may have an added cost, but they are optional. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Vacation Bible School**  
Snowball Mountain Challenge  
July 12 - 16, 2026



This year's VBS is "Snowball Mountain Challenge." Children will learn that God is the source of their strength. Please use the QR code or visit [rockyriver.org](http://rockyriver.org) to volunteer.

## 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, April 12** | 12:30–2 PM: Pre-Mission Trip Meeting (Mandatory for Participants)
- **Wednesday, April 15** | 4 PM - 6:30 PM: Wednesday Night Fellowship - Serve Potato Bar
  - **Sunday, April 26** | 1 –3 PM: Picnic at Pharr Mill Park

### Youth Pantry Drive APRIL: PASTA

**SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO RRPC!**  
Questions - Hailey Lebada or email us at [RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:RockyRiverYouth@gmail.com).



**FOOD PANTRY**

HARRISBURG CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY  
FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**MONDAYS,**  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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## **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](http://www.rockyriver.org/give)

**RRPC  
PLAYGROUND  
FUN  
RAISER**

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SCAN TO GIVE

## Our Session

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Sandra Thomas <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Shirley Rockel <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Jim Pharr <i>Finance &amp; 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>

<b>COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE</b>	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:	\$101,694
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR APRIL:	\$9,118
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR APRIL 5:	\$9,118

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 Youth Ministry: Hailey Lebada • 704.455.2479 • [rockyriveryouth@gmail.com](mailto:rockyriveryouth@gmail.com)

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