



Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third 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 in electronically by scanning the code.



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

One: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

All: Let us worship the living God who walks with us and makes himself known among us.

† HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we often walk away from you. We cling to disappointment. We mistake absence for abandonment. We fail to recognize Christ in our neighbor, in your Word, in the breaking of the bread. Forgive us for hearts slow to believe. Open our eyes to your presence. Turn us back toward hope. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to resurrection life, 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, as the risen Christ opened the Scriptures to the disciples, open
your Word to us today. Burn within our hearts. Reveal Christ among us. Send
us forth renewed in faith and hope. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13–35

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Messiah

Carson, Cash,
Reeves, and Tomlin

Tammi Remsburg

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Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. 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 meet us on the road of life and make yourself known in grace and mercy. Receive these gifts as signs of gratitude. Use them for your work of resurrection in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sending

- † HYMN #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
- † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- † RESPONSE *Amen* #600
- † POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sanctuary: 141 Online: 83

Interested in membership?

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

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AHEAD



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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

BBQ CHICKEN

April 22, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: **BBQ CHICKEN**

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

American Red Cross

Give blood.
Help save lives.



RRPC Blood Drive

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



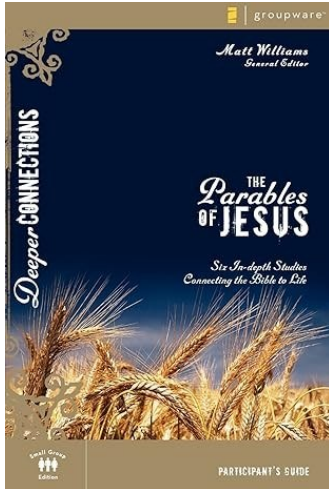
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.

Shred Day

Saturday, May 2, 2026
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us for Community Shred Day on Saturday, May 2, 2026! Bring your old documents and sensitive papers for secure shredding, helping protect your personal information. It's a free, eco-friendly event where you can safely dispose of unwanted materials while contributing to a cleaner community.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

April 21, 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

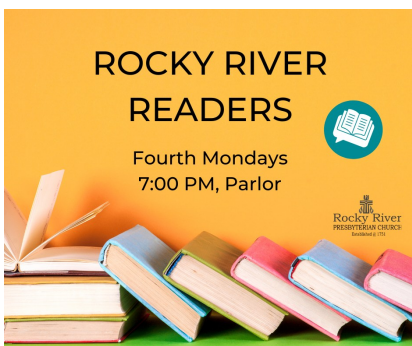


Game Night

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

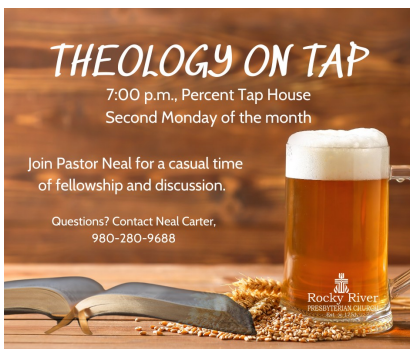
The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner

View the 2026 reading list at
www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.
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



Men's Breakfast
Sunday, May 17, 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

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, 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 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 26** | 1 –3 PM: Picnic at Pharr Mill Park
- **Saturday, May 3** | Youth Mission Silent Auction During May Meeting
- **Saturday, May 9** | 9 am – 1 pm Youth Service Day (Painting Alternative Workshop Room)
 - **Sunday, May 17** | Graduation Sunday
- **Sunday, May 18** | Last Youth Sunday School Before Summer Break

Silent Auction Donations: Youth Mission Fund May 3, 2026 - May Meeting

We're hosting a silent auction on May 3 during our May Meeting to support our Youth Mission Trip Fund, and we'd love your help. We're currently collecting donated items for the auction. Contributions can be simple or creative—baked goods, gift baskets, gift cards, homemade items, or anything you'd enjoy bidding on. Funds raised will go directly toward supporting our mission efforts, helping our youth serve both our local community and others beyond it.

If you're willing to donate an item, please see Hailey Lebada or email rockyriveryouth@gmail.com.

Youth Pantry Drive APRIL: PASTA

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.



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 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:	\$108,900
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR APRIL:	\$16,324
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR APRIL 12:	\$7,206

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 Music and Children's Ministries: Laura Smith • 704.796.3198 • laura.rrpc@gmail.com
 Youth Ministry: Hailey Lebeda • 704.455.2479 • rockyriveryouth@gmail.com

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