



Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth 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 (Ezekiel 34:7–15)

One: Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

All: As shepherds seek out their flocks, so the Lord seeks us.

One: I will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered.

All: The Lord gathers us and brings us home.

One: I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep.

All: The Lord makes us lie down in safety.

One: I will seek the lost, and bring back the strayed.

All: Let us worship the God who knows us, calls us, and leads us into life.

† HYMN #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Shepherd, we confess that we listen to voices that do not give life. We follow fear instead of trust. We seek security apart from you. We fail to care for one another as members of your flock. Forgive us for wandering. Restore us to your care. Teach us again to hear your voice and to follow where you lead. 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 Spirit open our hearts and minds so that we may hear the
voice of Christ in Scripture. Lead us into truth. Lead us into life. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1–10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing Them Over Again To Me

Bliss, arr. by G. M. Martin

Choir

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Sending

- † HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
- † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- † RESPONSE *Amen* #600
- † POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, April 19, 2026

Sanctuary: 114 Online: 40

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

Bruschetta Chicken

April 29, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: BRUSCHETTA CHICKEN

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

Please contact Robert Rensburg,
rrensburg@yahoo.com.

American Red Cross

Give blood.
Help save lives.



RRPC Blood Drive

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



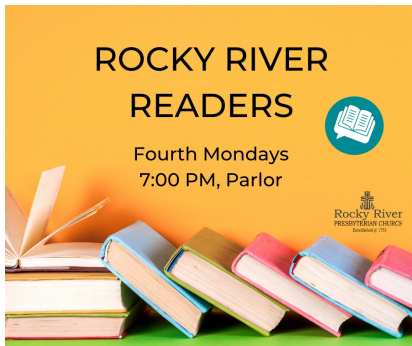
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Rocky River to schedule an appointment.

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.

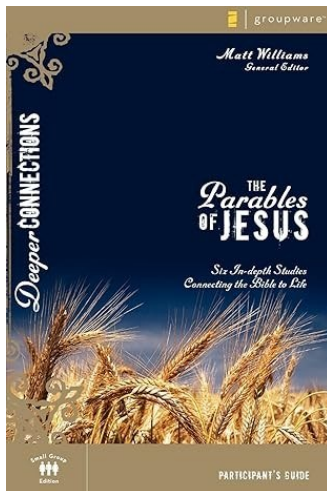
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



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



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
April 28, 2026 - 9:00 am
Room 214 - 2nd floor

The Parables of Jesus edited by Matt Williams

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



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

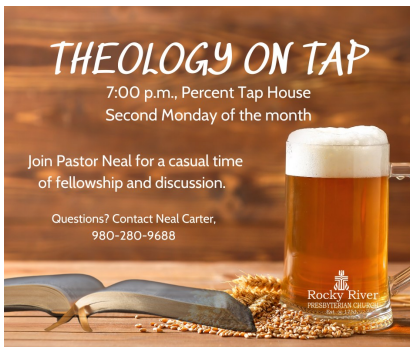


Game Night

Friday, May 8, 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



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

Family Picnic
May 17, 2026 – 3:00 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.



Bible Trivia Game:
June 7, 2026 – 12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



All elementary-aged children are invited to join us for lunch and a Bible trivia game. Please email Laura Smith with how many will be attending for lunch, laura.rrpc@gmail.com.



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:	\$118,422
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR APRIL:	\$25,846
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR APRIL 19:	\$9,521

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

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