



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost
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

One: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth.

All: And pours out upon all people.

One: Sons and daughters shall prophesy, young and old shall dream and see.

All: God's Spirit is moving among us.

One: Come, Holy Spirit—breathe upon us and renew us.

All: Let us worship God.

† HYMN #688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we resist your Spirit. We prefer what is familiar to what is new. We cling to what we can control instead of trusting where you lead. We close ourselves to voices unlike our own. We limit your work to what we understand. Forgive us, O God. Pour out your Spirit upon us again. Soften our hearts, open our minds, and lead us into your truth.

† 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

**Holy Spirit, as you spoke through wind and fire, speak to us now through
your Word. Open our ears to hear, our hearts to receive, and our lives to
respond. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Getty, Townend,
arr. By Larson

Choir

SERMON

“ When the Wind Won’t Stay Put ”

Neal Carter

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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.

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, you have given us life in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of gratitude and trust. Use them so that your love may be made visible in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Neal Carter

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 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.

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)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *May the Love of the Lord* #549

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Sanctuary: 115 Online: 61

Interested in membership?

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

Offices are closed Monday, May 25, 2026, for the holiday.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Hailey Lebada, who has been approved by the Presbytery of Charlotte as an Inquirer in the process toward becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This marks the beginning of an important three-year journey of discernment, preparation, and formation for ministry. As a congregation, we are grateful to walk alongside Hailey in this season, offering our prayers, encouragement, and support along the way. Congratulations, Hailey!

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal

Parm Chicken
Pasta

May 27, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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

Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP 171



Wednesday, May 27, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: PARM CHICKEN PASTA

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



RRPC Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 26

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

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



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, June 2

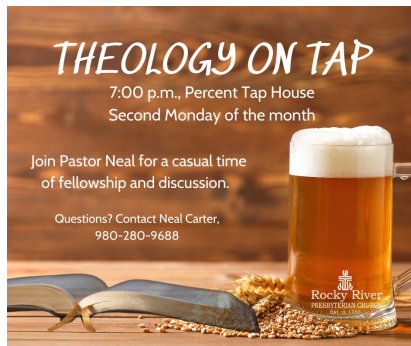
Morning: 10:00 am, Session Room

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, June 8, 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, June 9, 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



Game Night

Friday, June 12, 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



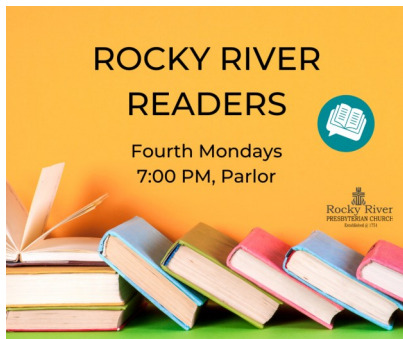


Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 21, 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



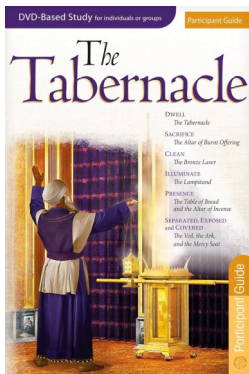
Rocky River Readers

Monday, June 22, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Finding Chika, a Little Girl, an Earthquake, & Making of a Family by Mitch Albom

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

Sept. 1, 2026 - 9:00 am

Room 214 - 2nd floor

The Tabernacle by Shawn Bernard, M.Div. with Jeanne Whittaker

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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.



Children's Faith and Fellowship
June 14, 2026 – 12:15 PM
Room 215

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



Register Here!



Volunteer Here!

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

Registration is open for Snowball Mountain Challenge! Children age 3 through finishing 5th grade are invited to come and learn that God is the source of their strength. Please use the appropriate QR for either registering or for volunteering to help. Forms can also be found at rockyriver.org. Contact Laura Smith for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER BREAK!

We look forward to this summer's upcoming Youth Mission Trip! Wishing everyone a great summer break. Look out for upcoming events in the bulletin and newsletter once we return.

Youth Pantry Drive MAY: FLOUR

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO RRPC!
Questions - Hailey Lebeda 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.



GGC Smokehouse Food Truck Every Wednesday

Wednesdays - 12:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Make sure to give them a follow! - [@ggcsmokehouse](https://www.instagram.com/ggcsmokehouse)

FOOD PANTRY

HARRISBURG CRISIS
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY
FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Est. @ 1751

BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRY

THE PLAYGROUND IS ALMOST FINISHED!

We are close to the finish line of completing the playground. Please feel free to donate what you can to help us get across the line! We are so thankful to all who have made this dream come true for our fellowship and community.

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 & 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: The 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Worship: The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. 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.
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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:	\$147,972
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR MAY:	\$20,094
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR MAY 17:	\$4,804

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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.