



# Rocky River PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



**Morning Worship**  
**at Rocky River Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth 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 (Psalm 31)

One: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; do not let us be put to shame.

**All: You are our rock and our fortress.**

One: Into your hands we commit our spirit.

**All: You have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God.**

One: Let us worship the One who gathers us into a dwelling of grace.

**All: Let us worship God!**

† HYMN #234

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that our hearts are often troubled. We cling to control instead of trusting your presence. We seek certainty instead of following Christ. We close doors where you have made room. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home to you. 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      10-Cents-A-Meal Offering      Neal Carter

## **The Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, by your Spirit open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your  
Word with trust and follow where Christ leads. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON      John 14:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      *O Sing to the Lord a New Song!*      Lloyd Larson  
Choir

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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

**Generous God, you have given us a place in your household. Receive these gifts as signs of gratitude and trust. Use them to extend your welcome and make your love known in the world. Through 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.**

## 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 #321 *The Church's One Foundation*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE *Amen* #600

† POSTLUDE

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## Attendance for Sunday, April 26, 2026

**Sanctuary: 104    Online: 70**

### Interested in membership?

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

## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY MEAL

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

**Menu: SALADS**

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



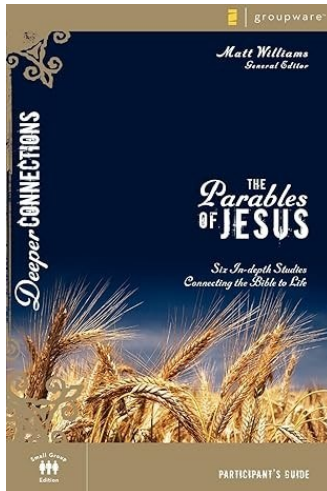
### **RRPC Blood Drive**

**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



### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

May 5, 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](mailto: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

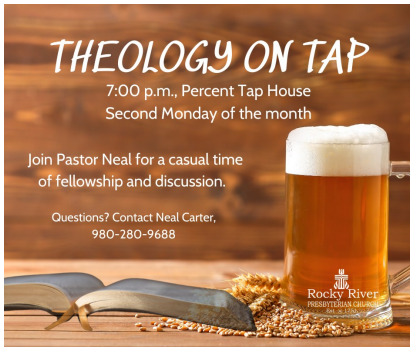


### Game Night

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*

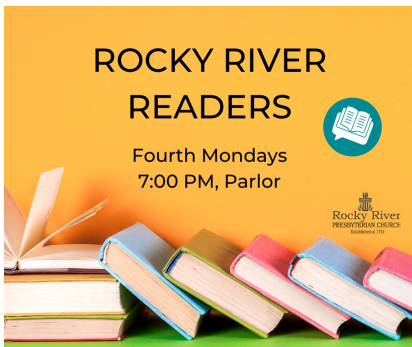


### Rocky River Readers

**Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm, Parlor**

**There Days in June by Anne Tyler**

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*



## 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.rpc@gmail.com](mailto:laura.rpc@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](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:

- **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

### Youth Pantry Drive

**MAY: FLOUR**

**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).



The YMCA @ Rocky River Presbyterian Church



**ACTIVE OLDER ADULT  
FITNESS**



Monday thru Thursday  
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**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**

### ***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**

Rocky River  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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