



Rocky River

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after 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 (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.

All: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: And God's faithfulness to all generations.

† HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you see us more clearly than we see ourselves. You see where we are harassed and helpless, and where we pretend we are strong. You see where we withhold compassion, where we turn away, where we choose comfort over courage. You have called us to be laborers in your harvest, yet we resist the cost of following you. We confess that we often keep your grace to ourselves, measuring, calculating, holding back. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see as Christ sees. Move our hearts with your compassion. Send us—not because we are ready, but because you are faithful. In Jesus Christ we pray. 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

**Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our eyes to see what
you see, open our hearts to feel what you feel, and open our lives to go where
you send. By your Spirit, give us ears to hear your call and courage to follow.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

May the Peace of God Be With You

Boyd Bacon

Choir

SERMON

“ Sent Because He Sees ”

Neal Carter

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SERVICE OF WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Presenting Elder, Steve Irminger

Steve: On behalf of the session, I present Adonis Lebada who has been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

Neal: You come to us professing your faith as a member of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in our baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Neal: Now, as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Adonis: I do.

Neal: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Adonis: I do.

Neal: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Adonis: I will, with God's help.

Neal: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Adonis: I will, with God's help.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Prayer

Welcome

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Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

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† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have called us from where we are and welcomed us to your table. Receive now these gifts—signs of our gratitude for your grace. Use them to extend your mercy in the world, to reach those who feel unseen, and to gather others into your fellowship. And send us, O God, not just with offerings, but with open hearts and willing lives, ready to follow where Christ leads. Through him we pray. Amen

Sending

† HYMN #643 *To God Be the Glory*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, June 7, 2026

Sanctuary: 105 Online: 55

Interested in membership?

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

The 2026 Elder Nomination Committee is asking for your suggestions of members to nominate for the Class of 2029 Elders.

Nominations may be submitted by returning the paper form located in the vestibule to the Church Admin Box on the door #106.

Nominating Committee: Priscilla Giuliano, David Murray, Tammi Remsburg, Brandon Earley, and Kinley Robinson

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

**LASAGNA,
CAESAR SALAD**

June 17, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Established 1770

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Menu: LASAGNA, CAESAR SALAD

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



RRPC Blood Drive

**Tuesday, June 23
2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

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



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

**RRPC
MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Third Sundays 9:00 am - Fellowship Hall
Men of all ages are welcome!
Contact Jerry Clark at 704-458-9233

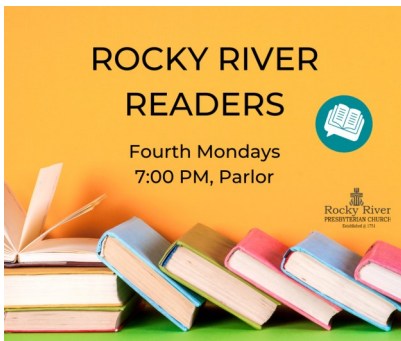


Men's Breakfast

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



Game Night

Friday, June 26, 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



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, July 7

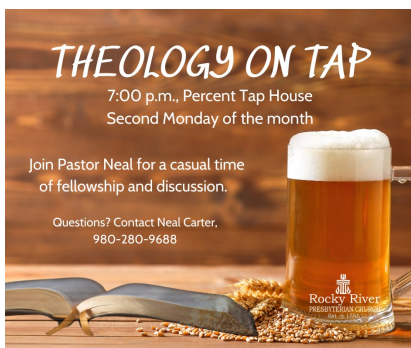
Morning: 10:00 am, Session Room

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, Aug. 10, 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, Aug. 11 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



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.



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 JUNE: CANNED VEGGIES

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.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Your generosity helps fund mission trips, service projects, and faith-building experiences for our youth.

- 1 SELECT AN ENVELOPE**

\$5	\$20	\$50
\$10	\$25	\$75
\$15	\$30	\$100
\$40	\$60	\$250
- 2 DONATE THAT AMOUNT**

Donate the dollar amount written on the outside.
- 3 PLACE YOUR ENVELOPE**

Place your filled envelope in the drop box in the vestibule.

YOUR GIVING IS AMAZING!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH AND THEIR MISSION!

RRPC Youth Envelope Fundraiser

Help support the RRPC Youth Mission Fund! Visit the envelope board in the vestibule, choose any envelope, and donate the dollar amount written on the outside. Place your filled envelope in the drop box next to the poster. Every gift helps our youth participate in mission trips, service projects, and faith-building experiences. Thank you for supporting our youth and their mission!

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS

GRIEF SHARE: 13-WEEK SERIES
Tuesdays, August 18 - November 10, 2026
10:30 am - 12:00 pm , Room 216

You don't have to go through
the grieving process alone.



GRIEF SHARE

Scan to Register!

GriefShare Facilitators Needed

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? Our GriefShare group is looking forward to adding more Facilitators to our team. Please prayerfully consider joining us! Call or email to learn more about the opportunities with our GriefShare ministry. Joan Nicholson: jnich1@hotmail.com or 704-239-1573.

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

Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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: 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:	\$174,894
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR June:	\$7,480
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR June 7:	\$7,480

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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.