



Rocky River

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh 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 119:105; Isaiah 55:10–13)

One: The Word of the Lord is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

All: We come seeking that light in the midst of our wandering.

One: As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return empty,

All: So God's Word goes forth and accomplishes what God intends.

One: Come, walk in the light of God's Word.

All: We come to listen, to learn, and to be transformed.

† HYMN #409

God Is Here!

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Romans 8 and Matthew 13)

Gracious and merciful God, you sow good seed in the world, yet we confess that we do not always tend what you have planted. We allow fear, pride, and distraction to choke out the life you intend for us. We confess that we live as though we are still bound by sin, forgetting the freedom you have given us in Christ. We turn from your Word, choosing instead the easier path, even when it leads us away from you. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, set our minds on things that give life and peace. Root us again in your grace, that we may grow as faithful people in your kingdom. Amen.

† 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 God, your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.
By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds so that as the Scriptures are read
and proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you are saying to the church
today. Plant your truth deep within us, that it may take root and bear good
fruit in our lives. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

Julianna Lovingood, Ann Carroll, Stephanie Campbell, David Murray

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.

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, from the abundance of your grace you have given us all that we need for life and faith. As you send forth your Word to accomplish your purposes, so now we offer back to you a portion of what you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to sow seeds of hope, justice, and mercy in your world. Use us also, O God, as instruments of your peace and participants in your kingdom, bearing fruit that endures. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sanctuary: 99 Online: 61

Online Giving

Scan the QR code to give tithes and offerings online.



Interested in membership?

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

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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL



Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal

TACO BAR

July 15, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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



Wednesday, July 15, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: Taco Bar

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



RRPC Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 28

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, July 19, 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

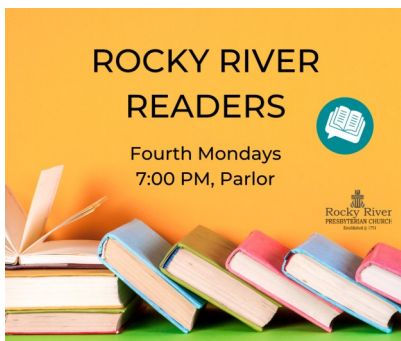


Game Night

Friday, July 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, July 27, 7:00 pm, Parlor

All the Broken Places by John Boyne

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, Aug. 4

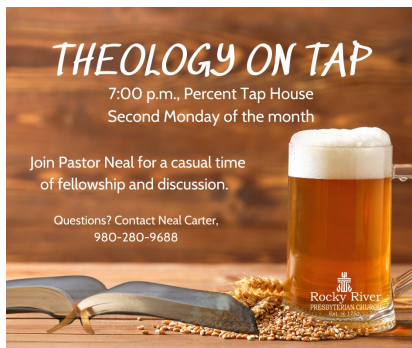
Morning: 10:00 am, Session Room

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

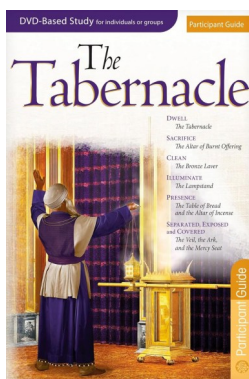
Join Pastor Neal for a casual time of fellowship and discussion. This gathering is held the second Monday of each month.

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



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

School Supplies Drive

July 12 - Aug. 2

We will be collecting donations to support Rocky River Elementary School again this year. The teachers at the school have shared with us a specific list of their most needed items, which is available in the vestibule. A donation box will be available during VBS July 12-16 and continuing until Aug. 2. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Sorting School Supplies

Aug. 2 - 12:15 pm

Please have children meet after worship for lunch and to sort the school supplies that have been collected. We ask that each family **bring their own lunch**. Contact Laura Smith for more information.



Children's Faith and Fellowship

Aug. 9, 2026 – 12:15 pm

Room 215

Children, K-5, are invited for a time of learning and fun! Lunch will be provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RRPC Youth Mission Trip Video

Our 2026 Youth Mission team spent the week in Del Rio, Tennessee, helping continue the restoration of Del Rio Baptist Church after the damage left behind by Hurricane Helene. Through hard work, prayer, laughter, and the support of our church family, this church has now been restored and made ready for service again. Scan the QR code to watch a short video celebrating the mission, the people we served alongside, and the many ways God worked through this week. Thank you, RRPC, for your prayers, gifts, snacks, cookies, and words of encouragement. We truly could not have done this without you.



Youth Pantry Drive

JULY: CANNED TUNA/ CHICKEN

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.

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.



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.

MORNING COFFEE CART!



Provided By:
Wonderfully Made Bakery &
Coffee Co.

Wednesday & Friday
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



GGC Smokehouse Food Truck

Wednesdays - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Make sure to give them a follow! - @ggcsmokehouse



The YMCA @ Rocky River Presbyterian Church 

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS



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

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: 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:	\$221,242
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR July:	\$7,699
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR July 5:	\$7,699

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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.