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Morning Worship at Rocky River Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 20, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM

Gathering

A nursery is available for Infants-Kindergarten.

The Alternative Worship Room (105) is available for those with sensory needs.

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.

Group 1: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Group 2: Come into God's presence with singing!

One: Know this! The Lord is God.

Group 1: Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.

Group 2: Know this! We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

Group 1: Come into the holy courts with praise.

Group 2: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

One: For the Lord is good;

Group 1: God's steadfast love endures forever,

Group 2: God's faithfulness is for all generations.

† HYMN #629 Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

† CALL TO CONFESSION

^{**} based on NRSV and Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. Written by Carolyn Brown, on the **Worship for Kids** page of the <u>Ministry Matters</u> website.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Gracious God, like Martha, we confess that we can be distracted by the worries of life. Our busyness can keep us from truly resting in your presence and listening to your Word. We often focus on our tasks and obligations instead of seeking your will and spending time in your presence. Forgive us for the times we miss opportunities to sit at your feet like Mary, and for the times we allow the worries of this world to overshadow your grace and peace. Help us to find balance, to find what is profoundly important, and to create space in our lives for quiet reflection and communion with you. Grant us the wisdom to discern what is essential and the courage to choose the better part. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

† 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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Laura Smith

The Word

the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed and do what you have commanded. Amen.

^{*} Edited from a prayer based on Luke 10:38-42 created with the assistance from Al.

THE EPISTLE LESSON THE GOSPEL LESSON

Colossians 1:15-29 Luke 10: 38-42

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Best of All Friends" K. Lee Scott

Arianna Murray, Laura Smith

SERMON "Martha Tames the Tarasque" Neal Carter

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

#549

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, we thank you for your abundant blessings. We offer these gifts back to you, asking that you bless them and use them to further your kingdom. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE May the Love of the Lord

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, July 13, 2025

Sanctuary: 113 Online: 64

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

Wednesday, July 23 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: CHICKEN SALAD / PASTA SALAD

We ask for four people each week to bring a dessert. Please contact Nancy Tipton, ntipton71@gmail.com / 704-309-0369



RRPC Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 22 2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

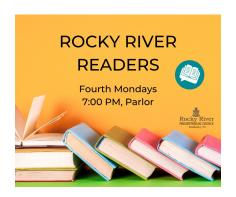
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Game Night Friday, July 25, 2025 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 28, 7:00 pm, Parlor

The Girls We Sent Away by Meagan Church

View the 2025 reading list at www.rockyriver.org/connect/rocky-river-readers.

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203

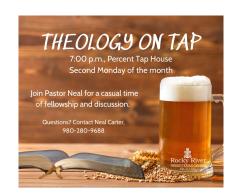


Women's Circle Meetings Tuesday, August 5 Morning: 11:00 am, Lunch

Evening: 7:00 pm, Dinner

Please meet at the church at 11:00 AM to carpool to the Local Room in Locust for lunch at 11:30 AM.

Dinner - TBD



Theology On Tap Monday, Aug. 11, 7:00 p.m., 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



GriefShare 13 - Week Class Aug. 19 - Nov. 11 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Questions? Contact Joan Nicholson, jnich1@hotmail.com, 704-239-1573



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume September 2, 2025 Session Room - 2nd floor

We will continue reading and discussing 1st Corinthians for Everyone by N.T. Wright. For further information contact Barbara Whaley at rnbwhaley@ctc.net

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, 11:00 AM Worship

All are invited to bring their backpacks or work bags for a special blessing!







BACK TO SCHOOL - SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE August 3, 2025 - 3:30 pm

We will be collecting school supplies to benefit Rocky River Elementary School through Aug. 3rd. A donation box will be available in the vestibule. Please see the flyer for the school's specific needs.

Back to School Packing Party Aug. 3, 2025 @ 3:30 - Fellowship Hall



Children's Faith & Fellowship Sunday, Aug. 17 - 3:30 pm Room 215

Children, K-5, are invited for a time of learning and fun!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday School Resumes in August!

We're excited to welcome our youth back to Sunday School after the summer break! Join us on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room as we reconnect, grow in faith, and kick off a new season of learning and fellowship.

Youth Pantry Drive JULY: JELLY

SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE & SHIP DIRECTLY TO RRPC!

Questions - Hailey Wilson 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 & Friday!

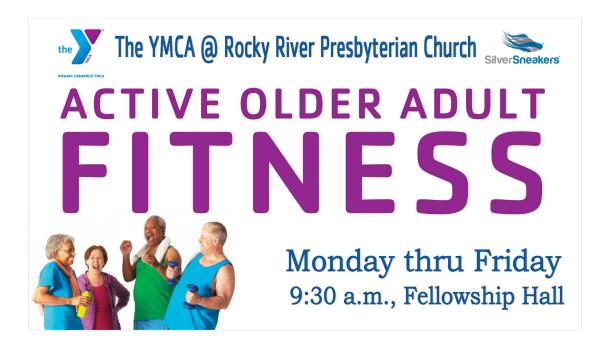
Wednesday - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Make sure to give them a follow! - @ggcsmokehouse

TEN CENTS-A-MEAL



Donations accepted the first
Sunday of each month
and every
Wednesday Night Fellowship
Dinner!





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 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027			
Scott Jones	Sandra Thomas	Shirley Rockel			
Finance and Administration	Finance & Administration	Finance & Administration			
Reggie Hunnicutt	Priscilla Giuliano	Barbara Whaley			
<i>Worship</i>	Worship	<i>Worship</i>			
Nancy Tipton, Clerk of Session	Joe Council	Robert Remsburg			
Congregational Connections	Congregational Connections	Congregational Connections			
Billy Carriker Building and Grounds	Steve Irminger Building and Grounds	David Murray Building and Grounds			
Amy Huster	Theresa Watson	Nicole Schneider			
Christian Education	Christian Education	Christian Education			

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.

Volunteer Schedules

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	Counters		WNF Set-Up	WNF Clean-Up	
Week 1:	Joe Novobilski and Sandra Thomas	Week 1:	C3 and Gero	Irminger and Gero	
Week 2:	Kenza Mitchem and Steve Jewett	Week 2:	Daoust	Troops 7 and 83	
Week 3:	Shirley Rockel and Darrell Thomas	Week 3:	(Open)	Mitchem / Carter	
Week 4:	Scott Jones and Frank Reynolds	Week 4:	(Open)	Whaley/ Bedsole/ Glosson	
Week 5:	Bob Remsburg and Don Chase	Week 5:	Tipton	Tipton / Earley	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT				
2025 BUDGET:	\$459,641			
TOTAL GIVEN YTD:	\$236,031			
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303			
TOTAL FOR JULY:	\$16,328			
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839			
TOTAL FOR JULY 13:	\$6,260			

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