



Rocky River

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established @ 1751



Morning Worship
at Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 5, 2026
Sixth 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 13)

One: My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the King.

All: Our hearts are stirred to praise the One who reigns in righteousness.

One: Wisdom is revealed not to the proud, but to those who are humble and open.

All: We come as we are—seeking truth, seeking grace.

One: Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

All: We come to find rest for our souls.

† HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Romans 7)

Merciful God, we confess that we are a divided people. We do not understand our own actions; for we do not do what we want, but the very thing we hate is what we do. We confess that we hear your invitation to rest, yet we cling to burdens you have not placed upon us. We strive where you call us to trust, and we resist the grace you freely give. Forgive us, O God. Rescue us from this body of death and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Free us from all that binds us, that we may live not in condemnation, but in the freedom of your mercy. 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

10-Cents-A-Meal Offering

Hailey Lebada

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, you reveal your wisdom not to the wise of this world, but to
those who come with open and humble hearts. By your Holy Spirit, open our
minds to understand the Scriptures, and open our hearts to receive your
Word. Where we are weary, give us rest. Where we are burdened, give us
release. Where we are divided, make us whole. Through Christ, your living
Word, we pray. Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 3:17-20

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Water Is Wide

arr. by D. Edwards

Handbell Choir

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

Gracious and generous God, you invite us to lay down our burdens and to receive your grace freely given. In gratitude for all that you have done, we offer these gifts as a sign of our trust and devotion. Use them, and use us, to share your mercy with a weary world, and to bear witness to the rest you promise in Christ. May all that we give serve your purposes of justice, compassion, and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending

- † HYMN #463 *How Firm a Foundation*
- † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- † RESPONSE *May the Love of the Lord* #549
- † POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, June 28, 2026

Sanctuary: 112 Online: 78

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

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

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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

Baked Potato Bar

July 8, 2026
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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



Wednesday, July 8, 2026
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: Baked Potato 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

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





Game Night

Friday, July 10 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

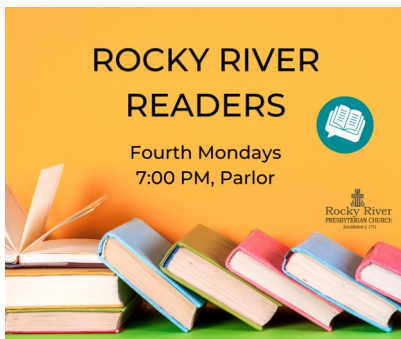


Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 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

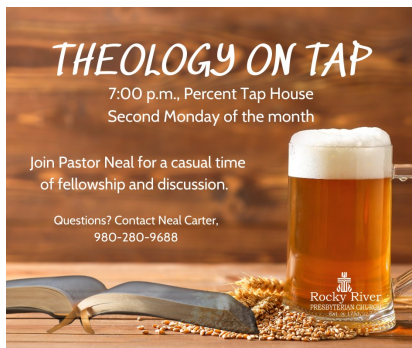


Rocky River Readers

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*



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.

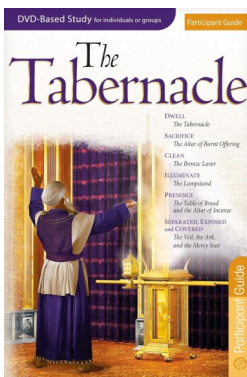
Questions? Contact Neal Carter, 980-280-9688

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



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.

VBS Setup

July 11, 2026 - 10:00 AM

We need your help! Setup for Vacation Bible School is happening this Saturday at 10:00 AM. Please come and assist as you can. It would be greatly appreciated to have as many helping hands as possible. See you there!

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.

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 Lebada 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



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 SilverSneakers

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT FITNESS

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

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.

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.



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:	\$213,543
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,797
TOTAL FOR June:	\$46,129
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,953
TOTAL FOR June 28:	\$5,566

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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.