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Morning Worship at Rocky River Presbyterian Church Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025 Ninth 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*

One: Give thanks to the LORD!

All: Praise His name!

One: Tell the whole world what He has done —

All: His mighty acts on our behalf.

One: Sing to the LORD,

All: for He has done wonderful things for us!

† HYMN #463 How Firm a Foundation

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from a prayer on impactus.org)

Gracious Lord, You know me. You know everything about me. You know every good thing I have done and all the places where I have fallen short of your will. You see my brokenness. You saw it when You made Your way to the cross. You took all my sin on Yourself and now You offer me unmerited forgiveness. I confess my sins to You because I know that You are my only hope of salvation. Thank you for Your generous gift of love. I receive Your forgiveness. I live in Your righteousness. Amen

^{*} written by Christine Longhurst, re:Worship (from Isaiah 12:3-6)

† 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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Neal: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Steve: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Rocky River Presbyterian Church now installs to active service Joe Novobilski, who has been previously ordained, to the office of ruling elder.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Neal: Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and

Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit?

Elder: I do.

Neal: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by

the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the

Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Elder: I do.

Neal: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed

faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of

God?

Elder: I do and I will.

Neal: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority

of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Elder: I will.

Neal: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its

discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Elder: I will.

Neal: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your

neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Elder: I will.

Neal: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Elder: I do.

Neal: Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination,

and love?

Elder: I will.

Neal: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their

worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and

discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry

will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Elder: I will.

Steve: Do we, the members of the church, accept Joe as an elder, chosen by

God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus

Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Steve: Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow

as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

Congregation: We do.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Neal: Joe, you are now an elder in the church of Jesus Christ and for this

congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will

bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

WELCOME

CHARGE

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION* (inspired by Luke 24)

Jesus, Our savior and teacher, you explained the scriptures and revealed yourself to the disciples at Emmaus. Now, by your Spirit, enlighten our minds to understand their witness and ignite our hearts to receive you in the hearing of scripture this day. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-48

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Love You, Lord" L. Klein, arr. by Paul A. McKlveen

Handbell Quartet

SERMON "How Did It Get So Late So Soon?" 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.

^{*} Adapted from a prayer posted on the Worship@North website.

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

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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

Dear Lord, Creator of all things, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you in the first place. But what we have we bring – the acknowledgment that we live thanks to you, and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing. Receive and bless these gifts for your holy work and bless those who offer them to you. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE May the Love of the Lord #549

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025

Sanctuary: 106 Online: 61

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 Meal



August 13, 2025 Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm





WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, Aug. 13 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: BAKED POTATO BAR

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

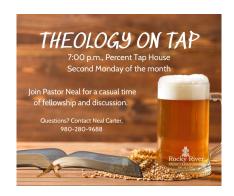


RRPC Blood Drive

Tuesday, Aug. 26 2:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



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



Men's Breakfast Sunday, Aug. 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



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



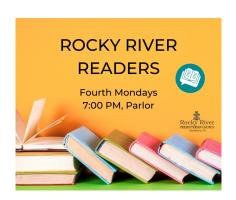
Questions? Contact Joan Nicholson, jnich1@hotmail.com, 704-239-1573



Game Night Friday, Aug. 22, 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

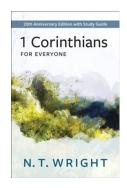


Rocky River Readers Monday, Aug. 25, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Poster Girls by Meredith Ritchie

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

Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



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



Women's Circle Meetings
Tuesday, September 2
Morning: 10:00 am, Parlor
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



Women's Retreat November 7 - 9, 2025

This is our 19th year, so come and join us for a weekend of spiritual enlightenment, fellowship, and fun. Double room \$240.00 each - Single room \$300.00 *includes meals. \$50.00 deposit due by September 14, 2025.

Forms available in the sanctuary.

Contact Priscilla Giuliano - tttandsp@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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 Movie Night August 23, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Join us in the Youth Room at 5:30 PM for a fun evening watching Into the Spider-Verse! Popcorn and fellowship included.

Youth Pantry Drive AUG.: RICE

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.

Youth Mission Recap Video!

It's here! Catch the premiere of our Youth Mission Recap video and witness the impact of a summer filled with service, faith, and fun. Scan the QR code below to watch and celebrate how our youth shared God's love in action—you won't want to miss it! Thank you again for enabling our youth to have this incredible experience.

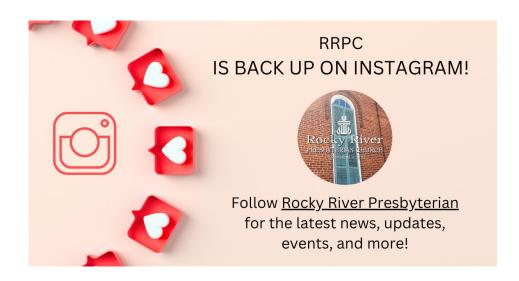




GGC Smokehouse Food Truck Every Wednesday & Friday!

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

Make sure to give them a follow! - @ggcsmokehouse



SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 am

Lectionary Class (Adults):

Taught by Pastor Neal Carter, Sanctuary
Seekers (Young Adults +):

Reformed Study Curriculum, Room 216

Sunday Vibes (Youth):

Taught by Hailey Wilson, Room 218

Grades K-5:

Taught by Laura Smith, Room 215

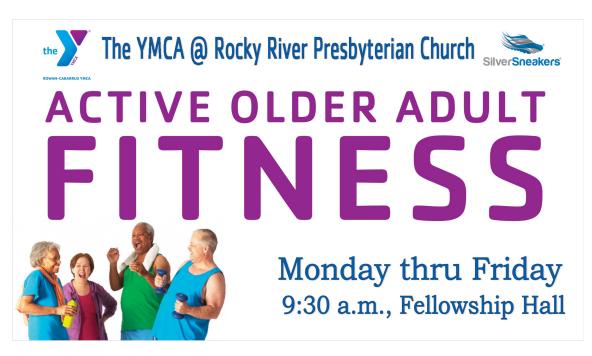
STAY CONNECTED VIA OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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 Finance and Administration	Sandra Thomas Finance & Administration	Shirley Rockel Finance & Administration			
Reggie Hunnicutt	Priscilla Giuliano	Barbara Whaley			
<i>Worship</i>	Worship	<i>Worship</i>			
Nancy Tipton, Clerk of Session	Joe Novobilski	Robert Remsburg			
Congregational Connections	Congregational Connections	Congregational Connections			
Billy Carriker	Steve Irminger	David Murray			
Building and Grounds	Building and Grounds	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:	Steve Jewett and Kenza Mitchem	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:	\$258,938			
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303			
TOTAL FOR AUG.:	\$10,040			
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839			
TOTAL FOR AUG. 3:	\$10,040			

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