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Morning Worship at Rocky River Presbyterian Church Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025 Tenth 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: Praise be to God,

All: who rescues us from the power of darkness; who redeems us, and sets us

free!

One: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

All: through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth.

One: Praise be to the Spirit of God,

All: whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.

One: Behold! I am making all things new!

All: Come, O God, and make your home among us. Pour out your Spirit, and

renew the face of the earth.

† HYMN #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

† CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

^{*} from New Heaven, New Earth: http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca/

^{**} From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 88
† 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

LEVEL UP RECOGNITION

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Robert Lowry

Choir

SERMON "Prince of Non-Peace" Neal Carter

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

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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

We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into these plates and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.

Sending

† HYMN #817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE May the Love of the Lord

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† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025

Sanctuary: 116 Online: 32

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

Wednesday, Aug. 20 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: TACOS

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

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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



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



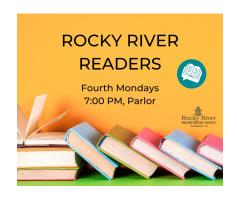
Questions? Contact Joan Nicholson, jnich1@hotmail.com, 704-239-1573



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!

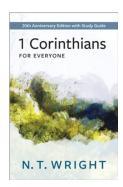
Questions? Contact Priscilla Giuliano, 704-706-3203



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



Men's Breakfast Sunday, Sept. 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



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

Morning Coffee Cart

Provided By:

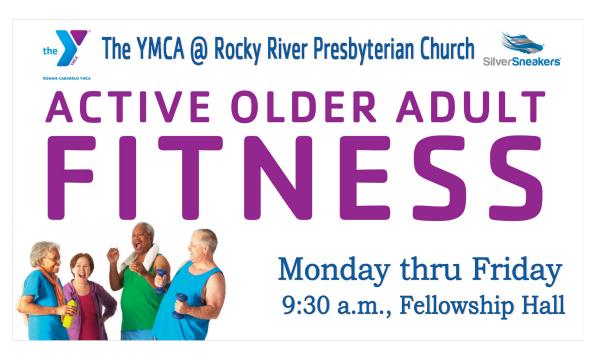
Wonderfully Made Bakery and Coffee Co.

Wednesday & Friday:

6:30 AM - 10:00 AM









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>	<i>Worship</i>	<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:	\$269,233			
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303			
TOTAL FOR AUG.:	\$20,290			
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839			
TOTAL FOR AUG. 10:	\$10,250			

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