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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

Gathering

*The 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 113)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

† HYMN #614 *Great Are You, Lord*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Eternal and Gracious God, We praise You, for You are just and true. Your love is with us always. In Your grace, You call us to confess our sin and receive Your mercy. Many times we have done what we should not have done. We know this is true, so we acknowledge it before You. Many times we also have not done what we should have done. We know this is true as well, so we admit it in Your presence. Help us to serve You joyfully, so You may receive the honor. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

* From www.mdpc.org/media/prayers-of-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

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on
us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be
opened. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1
1 Timothy 2: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“ The Lily of the Valley ”

W. S. Hays, arr. by J. Bennett

Elaine Tankersley and Laura Smith

SERMON

“ Kum Ba Yah ”

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

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*

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the generous life we are called to live. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

* adapted from *Words4Worship*

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Sending

† HYMN #792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

#542, Verse 1

† POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025

Sanctuary: 149 Online: 55

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

BBQ Chicken

Sept. 24, 2025
Fellowship Hall - 6:00pm

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, Sept. 24
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Menu: Tumbleweed Chicken

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

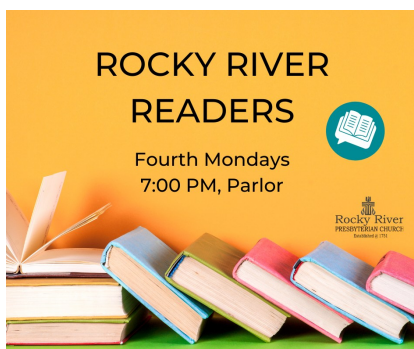
Tuesday, Sept. 23

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

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



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



Rocky River Readers

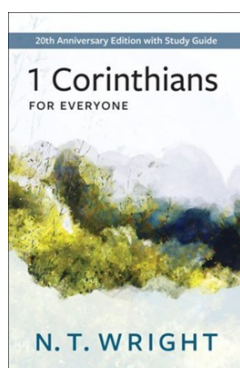
Monday, Sept. 22, 7:00 pm, Parlor

The Women by Kristin Hannah

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

September 23, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Session Room - 2nd floor

September - *1 Corinthians for Everyone* by N.T. Wright.

October - *Twelve Women of the Bible* by Lysa Terkeurst, Elisa Morgan, et.al. Using the study guide by Sherry Harney.

For further information contact Barbara Whaley at rnbwhaley@ctc.net



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, Sept. 26, 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



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 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



Women's Circle Meetings

Tuesday, October 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





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, Sept. 21 - 3:30 pm** **Room 215**

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



Lunch & Mini Golf **Sunday, Sept. 28 - 12:00 pm**



All families are invited to join us for lunch after worship. We will leave the church around 1:15pm to go to Jocko's Mini Golf in Kannapolis to be there for our 2:00pm reservation. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. Each family must provide their own transportation to and from Jocko's. If you plan to join us, please sign up by 9/24/25.

Children's Christmas Program
Start October 19, 2025

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program will begin Oct. 19th at 3:30pm. This year's program will be a telling of the Nativity story from the Bible with scripture, music, and costumes!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Carowinds Day
September 27, 2025

We're headed to Carowinds! Spend the day riding coasters and enjoying fellowship. Details on tickets and departure times coming soon.

Youth Pantry Drive
SEPT.: SPAGHETTI SAUCE

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.

Morning Coffee Cart

Provided By:

Wonderfully Made Bakery and Coffee Co.

Wednesday & Friday:

6:30 AM - 10:00 AM





A sign for the Food Pantry is displayed against a background of shelves stocked with various canned goods. The sign features the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry logo, which consists of two stylized figures in blue and yellow forming a heart shape. The text on the sign includes the organization's name, the purpose of the pantry, the operating days and times, a QR code for donations, and the name and establishment date of the host church.


**HARRISBURG CRISIS
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**
FOOD PANTRY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

FOOD PANTRY



MONDAYS,
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.


Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Est. @ 1751

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

A sign for the RRPC Playground Fun Raiser is set against a background of green grass. The sign includes a photograph of the playground, the church's logo, a QR code, and the text 'SCAN TO GIVE' with an arrow pointing to the QR code. The main title 'RRPC PLAYGROUND FUN RAISER' is written in large, white, serif capital letters on the right side.


Rocky River
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SCAN TO GIVE




**RRPC
PLAYGROUND
FUN
RAISER**

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

Volunteer Schedules

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:	\$308,664
NEEDED EACH MONTH:	\$38,303
TOTAL FOR SEPT.:	\$11,663
NEEDED WEEKLY:	\$8,839
TOTAL FOR SEPT. 7:	\$11,663

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