

Our Session		
CLASS of 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Steve Jewett <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Shawnee Wakeman <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Glenn Jones <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>
Nancy Thomas <i>Worship</i>	Marie Morrison <i>Worship</i>	Scott Jones <i>Worship</i>
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Jim Rockel <i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	Billy Carriker <i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	Jim Pharr <i>Building and Grounds</i>
Dave Mowery <i>Christian Education</i>	Thomas Heavey <i>Christian Education</i>	Kathy Dulin <i>Christian Education</i>

Congregational Connections meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm  
 Building and Grounds meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm  
 The Worship Team meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm  
 Christian Education meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00am  
 Finance meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm

### Presbyterian Women Morning & Evening Circles

*All women are invited the first Tuesday of each month for study and fellowship.*

**Tuesday, April 3 & April 10**

**Morning Circle: 10:00a.m., Church Parlor (April 3)**

**Evening Circle: 7:00 p.m., home of Julia Alexander (April 10)**

All of the women of the church are invited and encouraged to be a part of the Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Studies. We strive to minister to the congregation as a whole and to the women in particular through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We would love to welcome some new faces to our groups! We meet the first Tuesday of each month.

**Questions? Please contact Priscilla Giuliano at 704-706-3203/tttandsp@gmail.com**

We are still having our community dinner on Wednesday, April 4th.

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors!!

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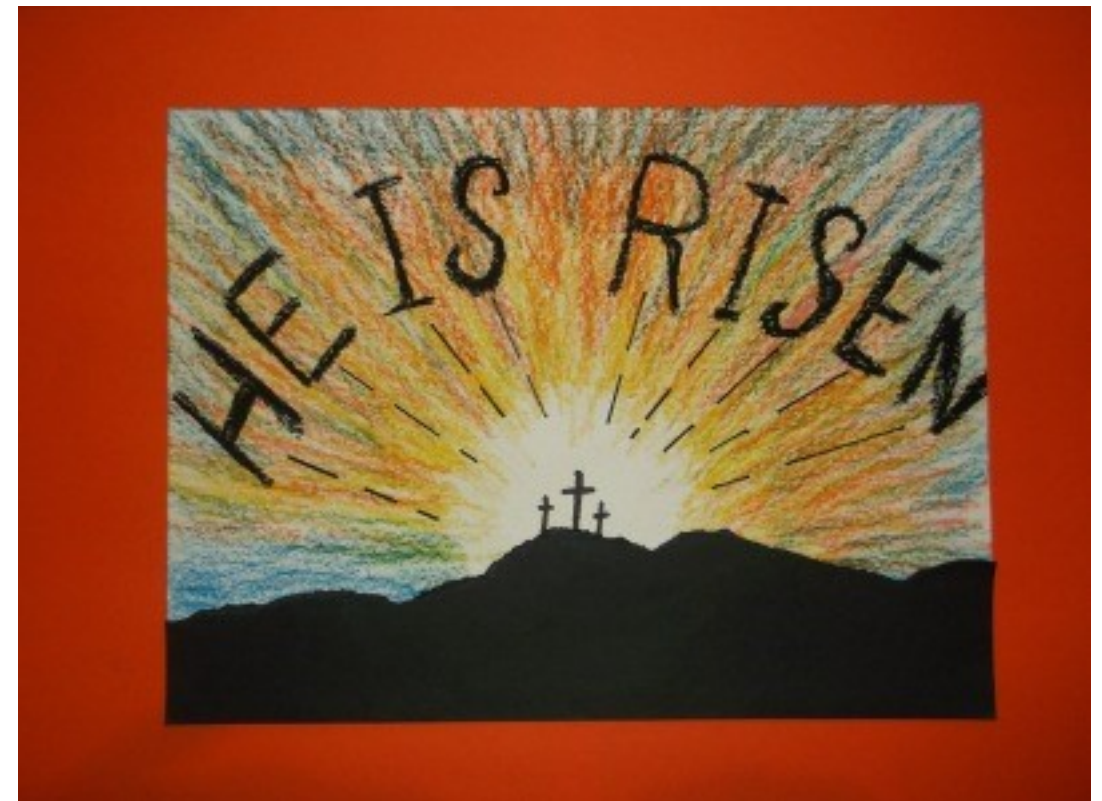
Youth Director: JD McNutt • 704-455-2479 • youthrrpc@gmail.com

**Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 9:30 to 4:30 and Friday 9:30 to 12:30**

**THE OFFICE WILL HAVE LIMITED HOURS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 2—6**

**PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING IF YOU NEED TO SEE SOMEONE**

**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, April 1, 2018**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
**11:00 a.m.**



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## Gathering

PRELUDE *(Let us prepare our hearts for worship • Please silence your cell phones)*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR James Ide

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Acts 10:34-43)

One: Sisters and brothers, you have heard the good news. You hold firmly to this faith.

**All: Christ appeared to the disciples.**

One: Brothers and sisters, it has already been proclaimed. You have already received this promise.

**All: Christ appears to us.**

One: Sisters and brothers, this is the hardest claim in our faith. The good news is not ancient history.

**All: Christ will appear again.**

One: Sisters and brothers, this is the mystery that we share. This is the good news that we proclaim.

**All: Christ appears to us now.**

† HYMN #123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  
(Hand Bell Choir - Betsy Biggers, Traci Bird, Linda Clark, Susan Jones, Kathy Linker, Shirley Rockel, Elaine Tankersley, and Stephanie Campbell)

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We serve a risen Saviour yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us. That your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Confession*

## Children's Ministry

Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - [dce@rockyriver.org](mailto:dce@rockyriver.org)

**Sunday School - Sunday morning at 10:00am. Godly Play Kindergarten thru 2nd grade Room 203, 3rd thru 5th grade Room 206.** The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond.

**Questions? Contact Sharon Vanpelt at 704-455-2479/dce@rockyriver.org**

Thanks to a new set of leaders who were recently trained for the Godly Play Sunday School classes. We are still making changes to our new rooms to make the spaces both useful and reflective of Scripture. New friends are always welcome in Godly Play!

## Youth Ministry

JD McNutt, Youth Director - [youthrrpc@gmail.com](mailto:youthrrpc@gmail.com)

**Sunday School—Sunday Morning at 10:00am down in the basement (Room B-6) - Middle School and High School youth gather each week before worship service.**

**Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner**

**Youth Calendar:**

**April 1** - No youth activities

**April 8** - Youth (Arts in worship 5, youth 6)

**April 15** - Youth (Arts in worship 5, youth 6)

**April 22** - Earth Day celebration

**April 28** - Escape Artist!!!

**April 29** - Youth (Arts in worship 5, youth 6)

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP!!! JUNE 17—23 • Frakes, Kentucky**

JD and the Youth will be heading to Henderson Settlement, in Frakes Kentucky for their mission trip this summer. We will be needing adult chaperones to go on this trip as well. \$50 Deposit will be due April 29th. See JD if you want to go on the mission trip or if you can chaperone. Cost is \$250.



**The Healing Touch Clinic** will be held Sunday, April 8 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

A Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule. Additional appointments will be available with Julia Alexander on Wednesday afternoons by calling to schedule individually. There is no charge for this service. Donations to the building fund will be accepted. *The clinic is held the second Sunday of each month and is open to the public.*

**Questions? Please contact Julia Alexander, 704-455-9753/2jralex@ctc.net**

# Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Welcome, guests and friends!

What a blessing that God led you to worship with us today!

Visitors—please sign our friendship pad, and let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

We invite you to join us for our FREE Community Meal Wednesday Night. Dinner is served at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Baked Potato Bar

Worship Packets for preschool children are available in the vestibule and located in our red activity bags. These packets are designed to help children participate in worship. Please return the bags to the vestibule as you leave the service.

Nursery and childcare services are always available during service for infants through Kindergarten.

Interested in membership? Contact our Church Administrator, Cyndi Conway, to arrange a meeting with our Pastor, Neal Carter. 704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org

**VISITS FROM THE PASTOR—** Please remember to let us know if someone is in the hospital, is ill, or just needs a visit from the pastor. This ministry is so important to Neal and to our church—knowing that your pastor and church family are here to support you in your time of need is one of the blessings of being a member at RRPC. Call the office at 704-455-2479 or Neal directly on his cell phone **(REALLY—CALL HIS CELL PHONE!) at 910-280-9688.**

## Loan Status

Education Building Loan as of:  
3/31/2018 **\$439,742**  
Minimum Monthly Payment \$5,110

*Commitment Sunday was last week.  
We hope you are prayerfully considering  
making a pledge to help us reduce this debt.*

## Stewardship Report

2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$ 29,992
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for March	\$ 26,624
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for March 25	\$ 7,288

*Thank you for your faithful giving.*

## Join us for the 10th Annual Spring Pottery Tour!

Ramblers plan to take a trip to Seagrove, NC for the 10th Annual Spring Pottery Tour on April 21st. This is a studio tour offering fresh new ideas and a great way for the potters to jump start the season. During this special event, over 50 shops will host kiln openings, studio tours, demonstrations, and special events. Participate in The Card Stamp program and be entered to win a \$150 gift certificate to use at one participating shop of your choice! We plan to visit Benn Owen, Cristal King, Terry King, Travas Owens (Jugtown Pottery), And Phil Morgan. Lunch is planned at Westmore Restaurant. We will use the church van, leaving at 7am on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a small cost for gas., and all are welcome!

Questions? Please contact Steve Mitchem at (704)995-7178/mitchem.steven@gmail.com

## † 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 word of peace with our neighbors and remain standing for our Response to Forgiveness*

† RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* #579

**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.**

## The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O risen Christ,

**open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sharon Vanpelt

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8 (page 54)

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Hunt the Gowk*

Neal Carter

## Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Apostle's 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.**

† HYMN #108

*Christ Is Alive!!*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Neal Carter

“Come to the Table of Grace” (*Congregation to sing*)

**Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord’s Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. Please hold each element until everyone is served.; as a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake on cue from the minister.*

Today we welcome Colton Heavey to the Lord’s Table. Colton recently participated in a special class to learn more about the sacraments. Congratulations to Colton on this special milestone along his faith journey!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Sending**

† HYMN #371

*Lift High the Cross*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever; Grant us peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; Lift up your eyes and see His face, love will leave you never; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.**

POSTLUDE

† Please stand if you are able

**Worship Ministry**

**Choir Chime Ringer, Today:** James Ide

**Next Week:** Anna Talton

**Worship Assistant, Today:** Kathy Linker

**Next Week:** Candice Shepard

**Ushers, Today:** Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald, Patrick Spickard

**Next Week:** Ted Dickason, Jon Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell

**A Time for Children, Today:** Sharon Vanpelt

**Next Week:** Joey Dulin

**Nursery Volunteers, Today:** Mandy Williams; Susan Geist

**Next Week:** Theresa and Abi Watson; Niki Schneider

**Bread Ministry Baker, This Week:** Shirley Rockel

**Next Week:** Alice Williams

**Godly Play:** No Sunday School today

**Next Week:** Godly Play I - Julie/Magan; Godly Play II - Sharon

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:**

Jim Avery, friend of Cyndi Conway (recently diagnosed with cancer) Ashelyn Earley; Roman Shepard; Mary Alexander; Michelle Pena Clark, daughter-in-law of Jerry and Linda Clark; Ann Glosson; Phyllis Griffin; Teresa Faw, family of Alice Williams; Kay Jenkins, friend of Jerry Clark; David Rowan, co-worker of Bob Carter; Margaret Earley; Neil Cochran; Amber Ritter, co-worker of Deb Carter; Kathleen Baczewski, mother of Joseph Baczewski; Joan Nicholson; Jeff Barbee; Harley and Teresa Vea, friends of Janet Little; Margaret Hale; Bob D’Ameilo, friend of Laura Milliken; Anna Melvin; Shorty McCachren; Mandy Ide; Clai McNutt; Lavada Freeman; Pat McDonald; Marie Hildreth; Bob Boswell, father of Dori Swaringen; Wes and Ree Abernathy; Benita Schirtzinger, mother of Darren Bird; Sam Peterson, friend of Priscilla Giuliano; Alan Cochran, brother of Neil Cochran; Ann Jones, daughter of Ray and Priscilla Clawson; Sonya Moorehead, friend of Jerry Clark; Lindy and Helene Linenberger; Ouida Harman; Jim Busse, friend of Stephanie Campbell; Amy Hicks; Brendan Milliken; Seville Funk; Marlene Howard; Kay Nalbhone; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.