



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024 at 10 AM

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church  
500 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington DE  
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*Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way*

*Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!*

*Please visit the welcome cart in the Narthex to learn more about our community.*

## GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, you broke down the barriers when you crept in beside us. In Jesus, your hands touched all, and touched us.

**Many: You opened our eyes to see how the hands of the rich were empty, and the hearts of the poor were full.**

One: You took what was small - the child's loaves, the widow's mite, a cloud in the sky, and a seed in the ground - and used them to show us the Kingdom.

**Many: Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know, and the stranger in our midst, and the self from whom we turn, we ask to love as Jesus loved.**

One: Make this the place and time, good Lord, when heaven and earth become one, and we in word and flesh know ourselves beloved.

**Many: And now we join our hearts in worship.**

\*HYMN 619

## Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are the ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Many:** God of our lives, you know us completely.  
You see what moves and motivates us.  
You know what is written on our hearts.  
Forgive us when we work for the wrong things in life.  
Forgive us for spending so much time, money, and effort  
on things that we think will make us bigger.  
Write your humbling word of love and compassion,  
of grace and goodness, upon our hearts  
that we may live as letters of your love.  
Help us to remember that not all of us can do great things,  
but we can do small things with great love.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the good news.  
**Many:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Just as I Am, without One Plea

Hymn 442, v. 1

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*At the conclusion, Pre-K through 8th grade children who wish to attend Sunday school may proceed to their classes.*

## COMMISSIONING FOR COSTA RICA

*Dave & Meg Aument, Skyler & Amy Cozine, Brian & Lois Galinat, Rachele Gilmore,  
Kathy Mowczan, Ron & Linda Reisor, Joe & Sandy Sarjeant, Brooke Sedita*

## LISTEN

MUSICAL OFFERING My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-32

SERMON Small Things with Great Love: Dr. Phillips  
Rummage Sales (The State of the Church)

HYMN 692 **Spirit, Open My Heart**

## RESPOND

### CALL TO THE OFFERING

*We invite you to make an online donation or by placing a check or cash in the collection plate. Envelopes are available in the pews for specified giving. The gray envelopes are for our new Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in the community.*

MUSICAL OFFERING Look at the World

\*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

GRACIOUS INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All are welcome to the table! This morning the congregation is served in procession. Those seated in the pews at the front of the sanctuary begin the procession when directed by ushers. For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you. All bread is gluten-free and will be placed into your cupped hand by a server. Empty glasses are placed in the baskets provided near the communion servers.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Give Me Jesus

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Many: Holy God, we thank you for this life-giving feast. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed those who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world. Go with us as we leave this place that we might be a source of light and hope to all those in need. Amen.**

\*HYMN 839

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

\*BENEDICTION



*Please feel invited to stay for our 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting and then join us in Founders Hall for a Roots & Rays Celebration Luncheon featuring food, fellowship and BINGO!*



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Nicole Joseph, *soloist*  
Festival Choir

Rick Marsey, *Usher Captain*  
Hank Smithies, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of  
Lizanne Ross and Jay Quillen from their families.

Today's soloist and Festival Choir Choristers are brought to you through gifts from  
the Naylor and Music Memorial funds.

Through a series of in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities,  
we hope to keep you connected to—and nurtured by—the Red Clay Creek  
Presbyterian Church community. Make sure you're signed up for our Thursday  
eNews, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. Visit [www.rccpc.org](http://www.rccpc.org).



Red Clay Creek Presbyterian invites you  
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

### **JANUARY SERVICE CHALLENGE 2024**

A month-long service effort that directs our intention to the needs of our community at the beginning of every year.

### **LENT & HOLY WEEK 2024**

- ◆ Ash Wednesday— February 14<sup>th</sup> | 12:30PM
- ◆ Palm Sunday — March 24<sup>th</sup> | 10AM
- ◆ Maundy Thursday — March 28<sup>th</sup> | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — March 29<sup>th</sup> | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — March 31<sup>st</sup> | 10AM

### **KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 | 10AM**

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, so a church celebration and blessing of the tartans in our Presbyterian church honors both local and church heritage since it was the Scots who brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

### **OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC — June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 | 10AM**

Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

### **HOMEcoming SUNDAY — September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10AM**

We mark our return to regular church programming with the start of our fall sermon series and Sunday School kick off.

### **FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY — October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10AM**

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3rd graders and dedicate our pledges, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treating and a flag football game.

### **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10AM**

We give thanks for God's many blessings and our rich history of over 300 years.

### **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- ◆ Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 4PM
- ◆ Holy Night Service with Candlelight | 8PM
- ◆ Candlelight & Communion | 11PM

# WELCOME TO RED CLAY

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.  
Restrooms are available. Just ask!

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service, and stop by the welcome cart by the front entrance to learn more about our community. We hope you will worship with us again soon! If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Red Clay, it's time to think about membership! Contact Elder Nancy James at [njames19966@gmail.com](mailto:njames19966@gmail.com).

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45 am through the conclusion of worship in Room 305 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - 2nd grade will adjourn to Room 303 and Grades 3-8 will adjourn to Room 202/204.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.rccpc.org](http://www.rccpc.org) for a calendar of events and for more on the history and other information about our church!



### UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

On January 31-February 7, a team of 13 members from Red Clay will be traveling to Costa Rica! They will be serving with CEDCAS, a faith-based organization that focuses on health care and health education. Please keep these mission workers in your prayers, as we eagerly anticipate their safe return and stories of Christ-led encounters!

## RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*

Rev. Emily Schwenker, *Parish Associate*

Jeffrey Miller, *Director of Music*

Barbara Vanderkaats, *Assistant Director of Choral Music*

Deena Andrews, *Assistant Director of Instrumental Music and Children's Choir Director*

Lisa Nichols, *Bell Choir Director*

Rachele Gilmore, *Director of Community Life*

Ben Andrews, *Director of Christian Formation*

Jamie Russell, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director* ❖ Shelby Beattie, *Sunday School Teacher* ❖ Sofia Martin, *Nursery Support*

Julie Reeder, *Office Coordinator* ❖ Dinyar Vania, *Facilities Manager*

Kelley Norton, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith, *Financial Associate*

Charlie Hannagan, *Technology Support*

A. Leonhard, S. Armstrong, K. Barton, A. Bloom, D. Howarth, J. Schubel, P. Worrell, *Livestream Production*

Sandy Sarjeant, *Clerk of Session* ❖ Sue Gleason, *Deacon Moderator*

Geoff and Pam Meyer, *Belong Chairs* ❖ Marcia Kelly, *Nurture Chair*

Linda Reisor, *Reach Chair* ❖ Lois Galinat, *Rejoice Chair*

Brandon Wallace, *Finance Chair* ❖ John Gast, *Personnel Chair*

Mark Cozine, *Home Chair* ❖ Scott McHenry, *Administration Chair*

Anne Ceres, *Community Partners*

### A NOTE ON THE LOGO

Our church has "**roots**" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope to be a sign that this kind of community can still exist. We also believe that, in order for that community to exist, we need to stay "rooted" in the Good News that God has chosen to love us - not because of who we are, but because of who God is. We call that grace.

That is where the "**rays**" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with - those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect at that, but we will try! We are especially aware that churches have long held back from friendship with others based on age, economics, sexuality, race, disability, and the list goes on. We seek to be something different than that. There are so many stories about how Jesus entered into life-affirming friendships with those that others wouldn't. We seek to be like Jesus.

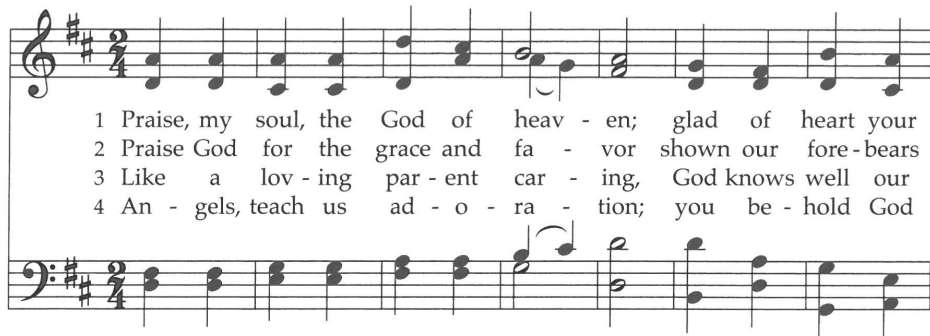
Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.



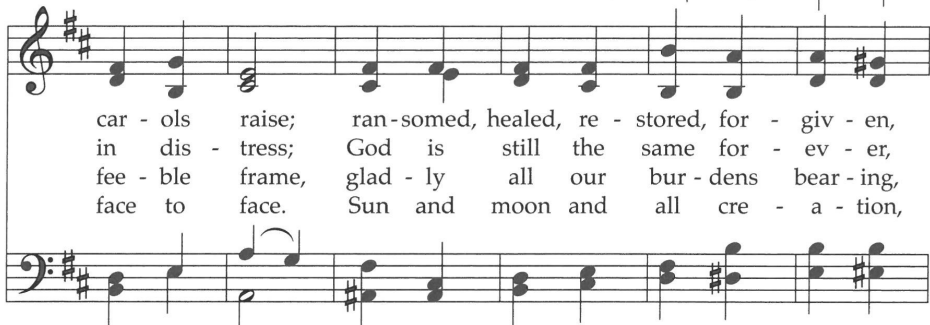


# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

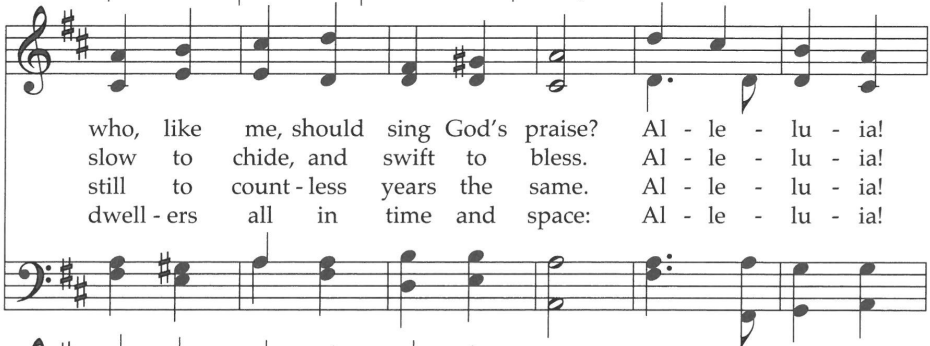
(Psalm 103)



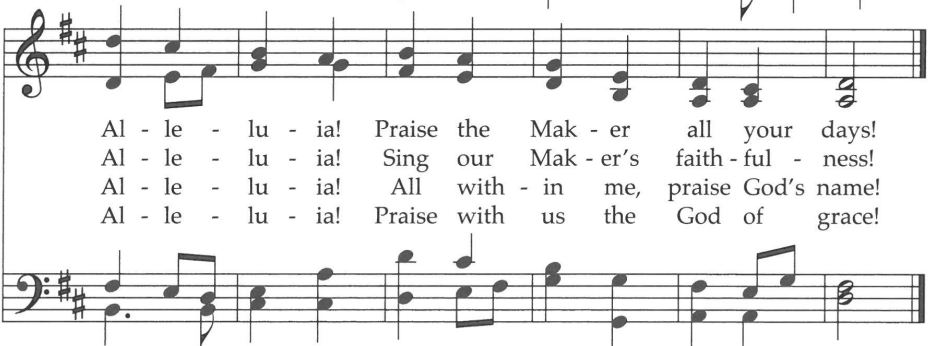
1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God



car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

## Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

*Refrain*



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$



to Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove, ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어  
성령과 피로써 거듭나니  
이세상에서 내 영혼이  
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요  
이것이 나의 찬송일세  
나사는 동안 끊임없이  
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영  
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서  
자비와 사랑 속삭이는  
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼  
주안에 복되고 평안하니  
세상도 없고 나도 없고  
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴