

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 at 10 AM

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church 500 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington DE (302) 998-0434; www.rccpc.org

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

One: The Lord is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE Toccata in d minor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here today, All-Living God, because we can be nowhere else.

Many: We must praise you for your mighty works and commit ourselves

to your eternal purposes. May we give ourselves more fully to living out the truth of the resurrection, not only on Easter, but

every day of our lives, even into the life everlasting.

*HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

"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 ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)

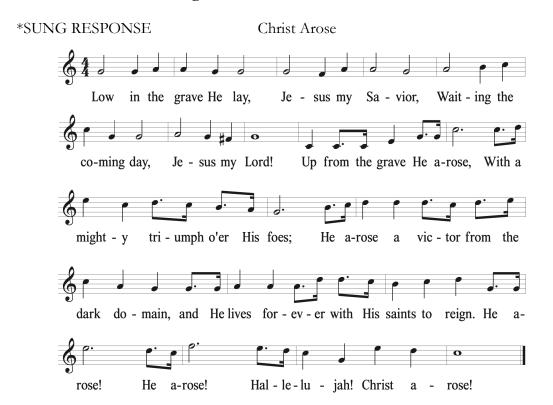
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Almighty God, we give you thanks that on this grand day of days you resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead. You thereby defeated death and established your reign over all things, including sin and death. We confess that we continue to live in fear, and doubt or even deny the very grace you've given us. Grant us courage and grace to celebrate your resurrection victory so that we might see your power made real in our world. While we may doubt, deny or forsake you, your ever-present grace surrounds us and keeps us together.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love is deeper than the deepest ocean and higher than the sky!

Many: We have confidence today because this God who makes resurrection possible is the same God who loves us into life and calls us into service. These are words we can trust: in Jesus Christ we all are forgiven! Alleluia!



*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.

LISTEN

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Christ Arose

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

MUSICAL OFFERING Gloria Patri

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.

SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

SERMON We Are the World Pastor Nate

HYMN 157 I Danced in the Morning

RESPOND

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Many: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ride On, King Jesus

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 238

Thine is the Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Festival Choir, Music Ministry Martin Hargrove, Bass Soloist

Deena Andrews, Violinist Zimo Liu, Trumpeter Ben Andrews, Timpanist

Ray Krout, Usher

Ellen Hinrichs, Greeter

Join us for refreshments & fellowship in Founders Hall following the postlude.

Today's musicians 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.



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

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — April 21st, 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 2nd, 2024 | 10AM

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

HOMECOMING SUNDAY — September 8th, 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 27th, 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 17th, 2024 | 10AM

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

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2024

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

JANUARY SERVICE CHALLENGE 2025

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

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2025

- ♦ Ash Wednesday— March 5th | 12:30PM
- ♦ Palm Sunday April 13th | 10AM
- ♦ Maundy Thursday April 17th | 7PM
- ♦ Good Friday April 18th | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday April 20th | 10AM

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.

<u>Children</u>: 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 <u>www.rccpc.org</u> for a calendar of events and for more on the history and other information about our church!



UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Join fellow members, staff, and friends for our next Friends & Fellowship Luncheon on Tuesday, April 9 at 12 pm in Founders Hall. All are welcome but reservations are required for this catered lunch. Sign-up during coffee hour on Sunday morning or via the link in LATC.

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 Vanderkraats, 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 Nancy James, 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
Andrew Bloom, Community Partners

A NOTE ON THE LOGO

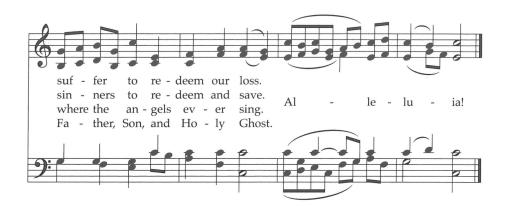
Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope 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.

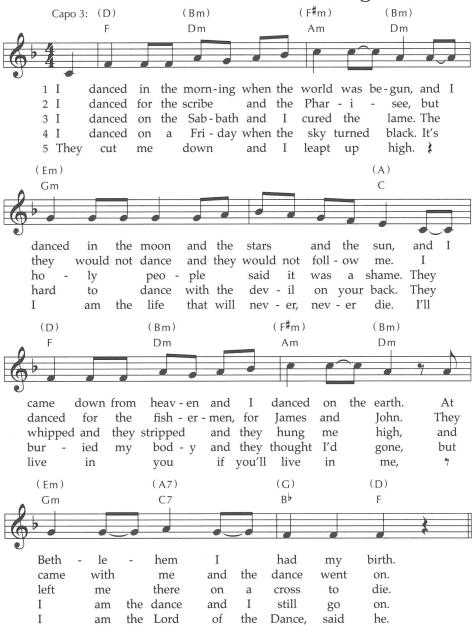
That is where the "rays" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect 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.

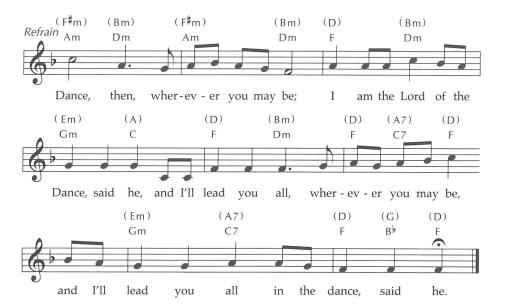
Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder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

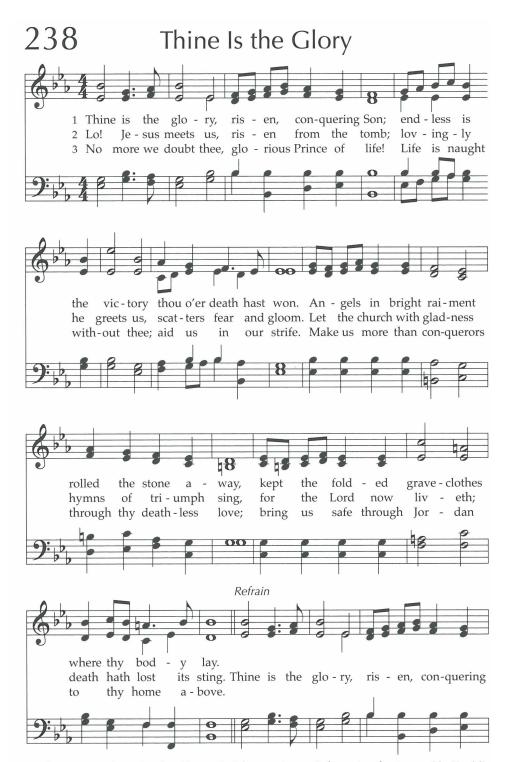
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al le - lu ia! the pains which he en - dured, 3 But 4 Sing to our God a - bove, tri - um - phant ho un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, le lu ia! sal - va - tion have pro - cured. praise e - ter - nal as God's love. did once up - on the cross, en - dured the cross and grave, who - lu Now a - bove the sky he's King, Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



157 I Danced in the Morning







This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

