

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 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: The Lord is risen.

**Many: He is risen indeed!**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Wesley Ingram, *National Alliance on Mental Illness*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us worship the eternal God,  
our Creator and the source of life and love.

**Many: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one;  
true love made manifest.**

One: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,  
renewing, inspiring, and dwelling among us.

**Many: Here we find hope for tomorrow!**

One: To God be all praise, honor, and glory.

**Many: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Indicates all who are able may stand

\*HYMN 263

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Many:** God of hope, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the hope for tomorrow you have promised us. We have preoccupied ourselves with small things and have overlooked the true joy you offer each one of us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we miss the new life you have given to us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our minds to receive your promises, and open our hearts and hands to share them freely. We pray this in the name of Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One:** Friends, believe the good news:

**Many:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

(verse 1 & refrain)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

\*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.*

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION      *Noah Robert Rada, son of Michael Edwin Rada & Krista Downs Rada*

HYMN 488            I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

*I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.  
When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & BAPTISM

HYMN 488            I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

*If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.  
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Many:      With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to  
share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

## LISTEN

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Great is Thy Faithfulness

(verse 3 & refrain)

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 27:1-12

SERMON

A Jar of Pickles

Pastor Nate

HYMN 508

**Come to the Table**

## 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.*



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

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

\*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; please take a piece from the offered tray. Empty glasses are placed in the bowls provided near the communion servers.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 42                      **Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure**

\*BENEDICTION



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Chancel Choir, *Music Ministry*  
Bob Kissell, *Usher Captain*  
Mary Norris, *Greeter*

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

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mack Zolla Norris, on the anniversary of his birthday, by Ed & Mary Norris.

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.

**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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> | 12:30PM
- ◆ Palm Sunday — April 13<sup>h</sup> | 10AM
- ◆ Maundy Thursday — April 17<sup>th</sup> | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — April 18<sup>th</sup> | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 20<sup>th</sup> | 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](mailto:njames19966@gmail.com).

Here at Red Clay, quilters meet every Monday morning, crafters on Tuesday mornings, Body and Soul Bible study on Wednesdays at 10AM, and Centering Prayer on Thursdays at 4PM. Breakfast and the Bible with Pastor Nate is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 8:30AM, our "Friends and Fellowship" free luncheon for seniors is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of most months at noon, ROMEOs ("Retired Old Men Eating Out") meets for pizza at Anthony's in Pike Creek on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at noon, "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials gets together about every other month, and Pickleball is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 6:30PM. All of these groups are open and welcome newcomers! Details and contacts can be found on our website ([www.rccpc.org](http://www.rccpc.org)).

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM 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.

## UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024 will be our Second Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan worship service at Red Clay! This will be a day to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian church. We will have a bagpiper and drummer and a procession of tartans. **We encourage all to wear some form of Scottish plaid on this day!!**

## 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.





# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

## Come to the Table

## 식탁에 와서



\*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.  
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.  
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:  
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.  
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.  
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,  
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.  
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.  
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

## KOREAN

- 1 식탁에 와서 찬양드리세,  
 사랑의 선물 나누시네  
 주님의 몸과 주님의 피를  
 우리를 위해 주시었네
- 2 너희를 위한 나의 몸이니  
 받아서 먹고 기념하라  
 이잔은 나의 새 언약이니  
 죄사함 위해 흘린 피라
- 3 주님의 성령 임-하시네,  
 거룩한 주의 살-과 피  
 나를 새롭게 바پ주시네  
 새생명 주심 감사하세

\*Stanza 1 may be sung by a leader.

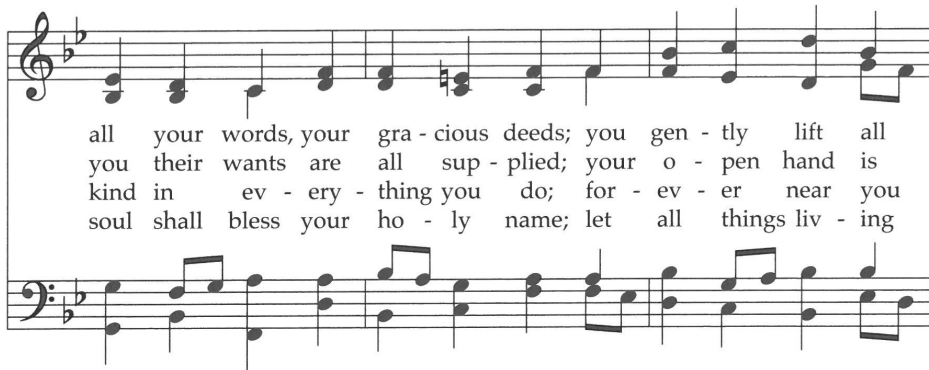
This Korean text accomplishes a rare feat in a Lord's Supper hymn by dealing with the full range of Christ's life from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The first and third stanzas are in the voice of the congregation, while the middle stanza recalls Christ's words of institution.

# Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 42

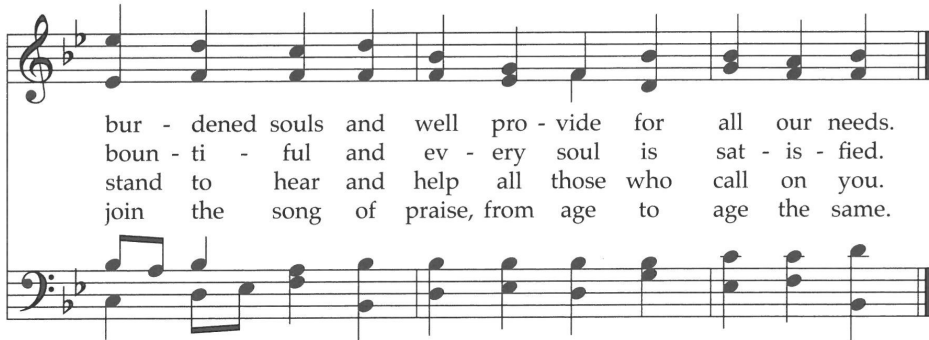
(Psalm 145)



1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my



all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing



bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

This paraphrase of verses from the latter part of Psalm 145 celebrates God's providential care for all creation, especially for those in any need or trouble. This anonymous German tune was apparently introduced to English hymnody by John Wesley in a 1742 music collection.