



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Youth Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 10 AM

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
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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

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(a silent prayer)

God of Hope, on this and every day, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe that, together with our brothers and sisters around the world, we might dream together, pray together and work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Back to School Store

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Hebrews 13:1-6)

One: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

Many: For there are angels among us.

One: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

Many: For there are angels among us.

(continued)

One: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others. We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.
Many: **We gather as one Body, in the midst of angels, to worship the one who is Love.**

*HYMN MEDLEY All Creatures Of our God and King

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer*

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see
Was blind but now I see, was blind but now I see*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (*Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16*) In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by Hebrews 13)

One: For the times we are afraid of the stranger, for the times we refuse the stranger, because we think our resources are just too meager, Lord, forgive us.

Many: **For the times we stereotype the stranger as enemy, as dangerous, as inferior somehow, Lord, forgive us.**

One: For the times we are too busy trying to impress our guests—the times we think we are being hospitable, but instead serve only our own needs—Lord, forgive us.

Many: **For the times we miss the gift of the stranger, for the times we close our door in fear, for the times we miss your face in the other, Lord, have mercy. Forgive us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(based on by Hebrews 13:20-21)

One: May the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

(Hymn 701; sing twice)

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ARTS CAMP PERFORMANCE

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work
I'm So Blessed

(QuaverMusic)
(Cain)

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 Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

SERMON

The Letters: 8 and 80

Pastor Nate

HYMN

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O - my soul;
Wor-ship His ho - ly name. — Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. —

Verses

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing, when the evening comes (chorus)*

*You're rich in love , and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (chorus, 2x)*

Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.

RESPOND

PRESENTATION OF ASHEVILLE MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Staff: *Ben Andrews, Deena Andrews, Rachele Gilmore, Nate Phillips*

Volunteers: *Nora Andrews, Andrew Bloom, Delany Christel, Ben Conly, Brian Conly, Erika Conly, Wyatt Conly, Mark Cozine, Carolyn Diehl, Scott McHenry, Luke Meyer, Ross Meyer, Lily Phillips, Linda Reisor, Ron Reisor, Marlea Rigney, Elizabeth Salter, Joe Sarjeant, Daniel Woodward*

QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS & TO THE CONGREGATION

Will you, the members of this congregation, support these pilgrims with your prayers? If so say, we will. Will you support this team with your prayers during their ventures and with your interest upon their return, recognizing their special contributions to the work of the Church and their mission as your own? If so, answer, "We will."

Many: **In light of these commitments, we commission you to serve God and our brothers and sisters on your upcoming trip.**

COMMISSIONING & PRAYER

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 What the World Needs Now Is Love (arr. Deena Andrews)

*SUNG RESPONSE God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

In Christ Alone



In Christ a-lone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my



song; This Cor - ner-stone, this sol-id Gound, firm through the



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of



peace, when fears and stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-



er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

*BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing too much, and may
you fear God enough that you fear nothing at all.

*When we think of our love for God, it calls us to let go of the many attachments that
prevent us from truly loving others. When we consider the fear of the Lord, as described
in Proverbs as 'the beginning of wisdom,' let it not be a fear of punishment, but a deep
wonder and reverence for God's protective majesty.*



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Max Phillips, Madelyn Haggerty, Karina Russell, Ava Vordemberge, Lily Vaughn,
and Jovie Vaughn, *Youth Participants*
Alexandra Schüller, Harald Schüller, Philip Jones, *Music Ministry*
Bob Kissell, *Usher Captain*
Ellen Hinrichs, *Greeter*

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

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

The red rose bud in the chancel today is in honor of the birth of William Cody Hopkins, born July 13, 2024, great-grandson of Edwina Nowland.

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.

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-treat 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.

HOLY WEEK 2025

- ◆ Maundy Thursday — April 17th | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — April 18th | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 20th | 10AM

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 18th, 2025 | 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 1st, 2025 | 10AM

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

SUMMER ARTS CAMP — JULY 14th-18th, 2025 | 9AM-12PM

Kids K-5 will have music, drama, visual arts, snacks, and FUN, culminating with bingo and performance night July 18th, as well as Youth Sunday on July 20th.

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.

Here at Red Clay, we have numerous groups that are open and that welcome newcomers, including, e.g., Quilters, Crafters, "Friends and Fellowship" free luncheon for seniors, Bible study, ROMEOs ("Retired Old Men Eating Out"), Centering Prayer, "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials, Breakfast & the Bible with Pastor Nate, and Pickleball. Details can be found at www.rcpc.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

BACK TO SCHOOL STORE: Today & August 11!

Purchase uniform pieces, school supplies, backpacks, and other items to be donated to local & global school kids for the upcoming year. Come visit our store in Founders Hall after worship!

RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

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

Rev. Emily Schwenker, *Parish Associate*

Rev. Dr. Philip Jones, *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*

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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.

