



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 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

### 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.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God surrounded by glory:

**Many: You notice the people that we walk past.**

One: Jesus, healer of the hopeless:

**Many: In you, we find ourselves sitting side by side at your table.**

One: Spirit of Compassion:

**Many: Sow love in our hearts,**

One: that the poor might find in us a friend;

**Many: Sow peace in our spirits,**

*(continued)*

One: That the angry might find in us a sea of hope;

**Many: Sow generosity in our hand,**

One: That the hungry might find in us their daily bread.

**Many: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 15, vss. 1,4,6      **All Creatures of Our God and King**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Friends, we are invited to God's dinner party, where all are welcome and the table is never full. Yet we confess that we often keep the invitation to ourselves, forgetting that God's grace is meant to be shared. Let us come to this moment of confession, knowing that at God's table, there is always room for mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. Let us bring our hearts honestly before the Host who invites us in love.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Many: God of love and mercy, we confess that too often we have kept your invitation to the table for ourselves. We have excluded others, and denied them their place. Forgive us for the times when we have hoarded your grace, when we have failed to see that your table is open for all.**

One: We confess that we have come to your table seeking our own satisfaction, instead of seeking communion with you and one another. Forgive us for the times we have been divided by pride, when we have ignored the needs of our neighbors.

**Many: Gather us in, Lord, reconcile us to one another, and renew our hearts, that we might truly reflect your love in the world, and come together as one family at your feast of grace. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: The Host of the heavenly banquet is always ready to welcome us back, no matter how many times we've stayed away or kept others from the feast. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are invited once again to join the party. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE To the Table *(soloists will sing verses; congregation sings chorus)*

Chorus

And bring it all to the table;  
it's noth-ing He's not seen be - fore. For all your sin  
all your sor-row and your sad - ness, there's a Sav-ior, and He calls,  
"Bring it all to the ta - ble."

\*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

*Abigail Caroline McLaughlin,  
daughter of Eric Richard McLaughlin & Taylor Lynne Kolle McLaughlin*

HYMN 482, vs. 1

Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & BAPTISM

HYMN 482, vss. 2,3

Baptized in Water

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON

Dinner Party: The Overlook

Pastor Nate

HYMN 839

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!**

## 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 Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in  
the community; this week all contributions will go for Asheville NC relief.*



\*SUNG RESPONSE

We Are An Offering

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;  
they are yours: we are an offering.***

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

MUSICAL OFFERING      Amani Utupe (Grant Us Peace, Give Us Courage)

\*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 372                      **O for a World**

\*BENEDICTION



The flowers today are given in loving memory of my father, Ray Nichols,  
from Lisa Nichols.

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

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

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3rd graders, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treat 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

**ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE 2025**

A month-long service effort beginning in January of each year, that directs our intention to the needs of our community.

**HOLY WEEK 2025**

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

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 | 10AM**

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

**SUMMER ARTS CAMP — JULY 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 9AM-12PM**

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

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY — September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 10AM**

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

# 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, 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.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

### Who's Coming to Dinner? FRIDAY, October 25

Six gracious hosts have agreed to host groups of 8-10 at their homes for a casual dinner party... the catch is, no one except the host knows who's coming to dinner! If you are interested, sign up **NOW** to attend (Rachele at [rachele@rccpc.org](mailto:rachele@rccpc.org)) or in Founders Hall. The sign up will be capped at around 40 guests once all the homes are filled (RSVP deadline is 10/15).

## 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*

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*

Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*

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* ❖ Marcia Kelly, *Memory Garden Chair*

### 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.

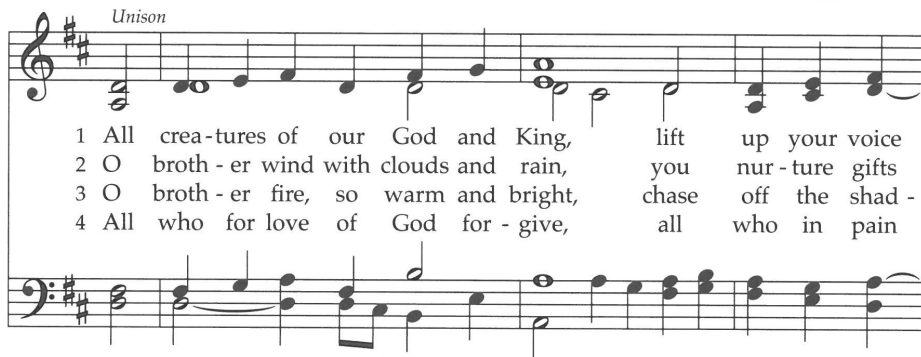
Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder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






# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



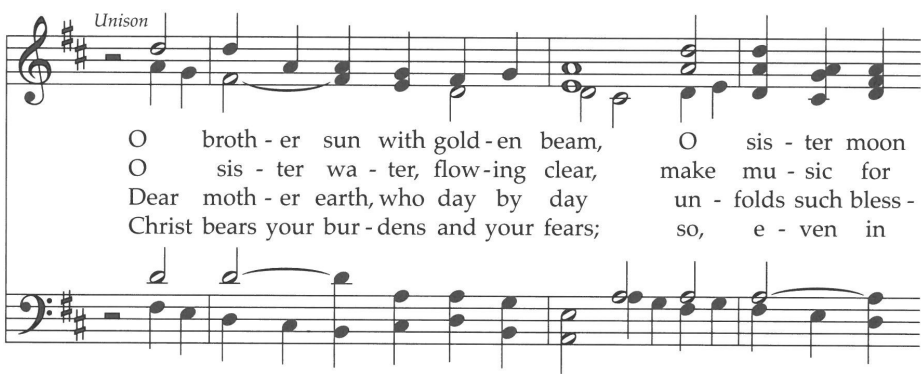
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear.            Sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# 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  
이 세상에서 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

# O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.