



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 / 10 AM

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*Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way*  
*Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!*

Please silence your cell phones.

## GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: SNEAKER DRIVE

Rachele Gilmore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God!

**Many: We thank God for the joy of jumping rope, and the laughter in playing leapfrog!**

One: Give thanks to God at all times!

**Many: We thank God for the cool waters of a pool on a hot summer day—and the way the water surprises us when we first jump in!**

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for all things!

**Many: We thank God for fireflies making our nights brighter, and for butterflies which bring color to our days.**

\*HYMN 664, vss. 1,3

## Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We take ourselves so seriously that we lose sight of the wonder of your gifts. We think you want us to be serious all the time, and we have forgotten the joy, the laughter, the delight which Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought into our lives.

Many: **Forgive us, imagination behind Creation, for forgetting to enjoy, to laugh, to play.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news is this: imagination and play go hand in hand with prayer, with service, with worship, with life. God takes delight when we take the time to enjoy and play in the good creation offered to us.

Many: **Amen.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

Cornerstone

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

I Will Sing

Priscilla Murphey

*At the conclusion, all children are invited to join Miss Jamie and Miss Shelby at the playground.*

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Cornerstone

*Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

## PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*Following today's service, you are invited to place your offering in the basket with the ushers. You may also make an online donation by going to [rcpc.org](http://rcpc.org) and click "Give".*



MUSICAL OFFERING

King of My Heart

McMillan

HOPE FOR TOMORROW IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Lois Galinat and Linda Reisor

HYMN 450, vss. 1,3

**Be Thou My Vision**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

## LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17

SERMON

Wildflower Theology    Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips

# SEND

\*HYMN 475, vss. 1,3    **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

\*BENEDICTION



*Join us for our annual Celebration Picnic & Strawberry Social  
following today's service! Lunch and strawberry shortcake will be provided  
and we'll have outdoor games and activities (in addition to the bounce house!).*



A special thank you to Jim Murray for his selection of our second hymn,  
“Be Thou My Vision”. Jim won our NCAA tournament  
March Madness challenge in 2024 and again this year! Woohoo!

Thanks to today’s worship participants:

Children’s Choir and Charlie Hannagan, *Music Ministry*  
Chip Gruber, *Usher Captain*  
Dave Rahn, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Dot Archer, from Lisa Nichols.

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 & Events* during the coming year.

**SUMMER ARTS CAMPS — JULY 2025 | 9AM-12PM**

- ◆ Instrumental Music | July 7-11 | Completed 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up
- ◆ General Arts | July 14-18 | Completed K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ◆ TV & Film | July 21-25 | Completed K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**HOMEcoming SUNDAY — September 14<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.

**FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY — October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 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>, 2025**

**ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE 2026**

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

**HOLY WEEK 2026**

- ◆ Maundy Thursday — April 2<sup>nd</sup> | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — April 3<sup>rd</sup> | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 5<sup>th</sup> | 10AM Worship

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — 2026 | 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 10AM**

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

# 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 Karen Vordemberge at [kvordemberge@gmail.com](mailto:kvordemberge@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, Theology 101 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

### **June 18: Baseball at Frawley Stadium Wilmington BLUE ROCKS vs. Asheville Tourists!**

Join Nate, Ben, and members of our congregation for a fun night of baseball with the Blue Rocks at Daniel S Frawley Stadium! Game time is 6:35 PM. All are welcome. Please register by June 12<sup>th</sup> so we can acquire group seating. Price is dependent on how many join, so please RSVP as soon as possible ([ben@rccpc.org](mailto:ben@rccpc.org))!

## 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, *Director of Children's Choir*  
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*  
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Quiara Smith, *Sunday School Support*

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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*

\* For a complete list of all Session Ruling Elders and Board of Deacons members, please refer to <https://www.rccpc.org>.\*

### 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.





# Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

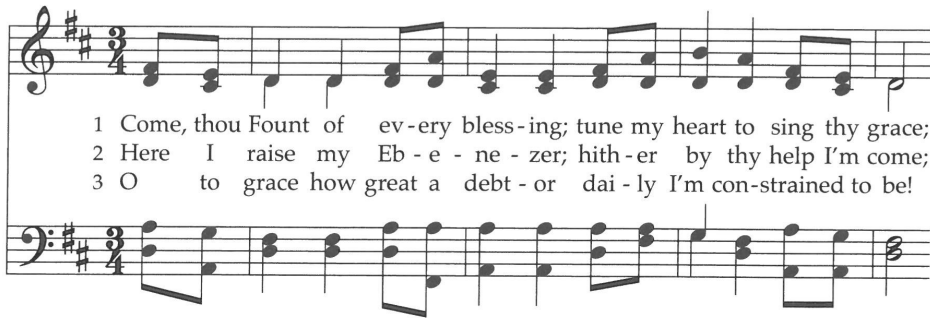
(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

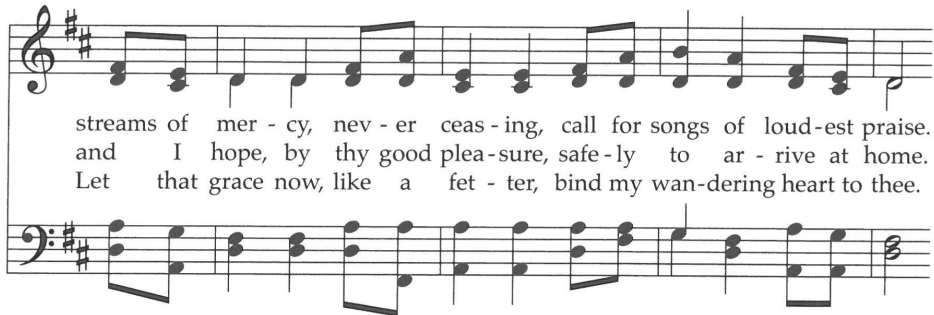
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

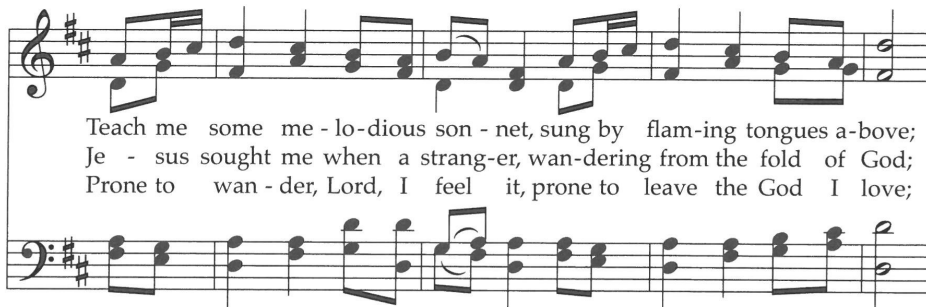
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



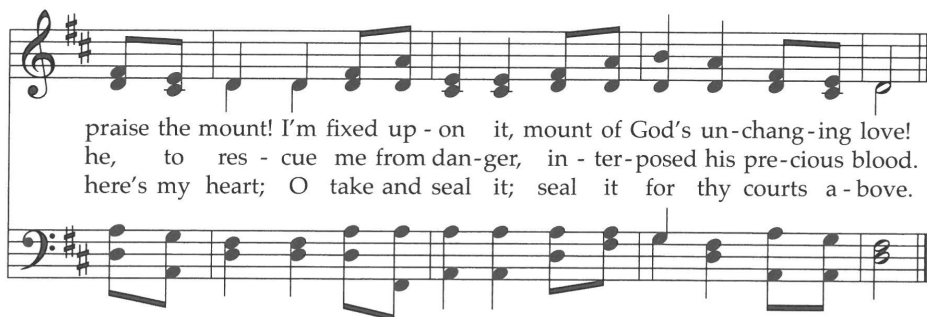
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.