



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 / 10 AM

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## *Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way*

*Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!*

*We're glad you're here. If needed, a family area with CCTV is in the narthex near the front doors, and our nursery is open for young children. Restrooms are available by exiting out the side door near the pulpit and turning left. After worship, join us for Coffee Hour in Founders Hall by the main parking lot. Please silence your cell phone as we enter into worship.*

## GATHER

### LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(a silent prayer)

*God of grace and mercy, as we await the Prince of Peace, we come to you with hearts yearning for the day when your peace reigns in the world. May your light dispel the darkness of discord, and may nations unite in the pursuit of harmony and justice. Inspire our leaders with wisdom and compassion that they may work for the well-being of all. Amen.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Micah 6:8)

One: God has told us what is good.

**Many: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: God is good.

**Many: All the time.**

One: All the time!

**Many: God is good. Let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN 263

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Good and gracious God, we can say you are good not because our lives are easy, but because you are faithful.

**Many: Yet we confess that we do not always trust your goodness. We turn from what gives life toward what is smaller, quicker, and easier to control. We settle for lesser goods when we lose sight of what truly matters.**

One: Forgive us, O God. Remind us again of this truth: that you judge it better to bring good out of evil than to allow no evil to exist.

**Many: Reorder our loves. Turn us again toward your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who leads us home. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, God's goodness comes near, meets us in our weakness, and does not let us go.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

You Are Good

(cantor sings non-bolded text; congregation sings bold)

*Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever*

***Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever***

*People from every nation and tongue from generation to generation*

***We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah***

***We worship You for who You are***

***We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah***

***We worship You for who You are. You are good.***

## \*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, we look forward to welcoming all children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the nursery or their Sunday school classes, as the congregation prepares to hear the sermon.*

## SUNG RESPONSE

God Is So Good

(sing twice)

***God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, God’s so good to me.***

# PRAYER

## PASTORAL 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 Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in the community.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING    How Can I Keep from Singing?

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

God Is So Good

(sing twice)

***God cares for me, God cares for me.  
God cares for me. God’s so good to me.***

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## HYMN 318

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

# LISTEN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Psalm 133

MUSICAL OFFERING        Give Me Jesus

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON   Romans 12:1-8

SERMON                      It's All Good: Balcony People                      Rev. Dr. Philip Jones

# SEND

\*HYMN 720                      Jesus Calls Us

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION    Let There Be Peace on Earth    (All are invited to sing)

*Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
To take each moment and live each moment  
in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.*

POSTLUDE



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Charlie Hannagan, *Music Ministry*  
Rick Marsey, *Usher Captain*  
Gail Ahrens, *Greeter*

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

The flowers today are given in memory of Tso-Hsun Lo, loving father and grandfather, from Pei-Yi, Li-Hwa, Emily & Albert.



**The Annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on February 15, 2026** for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Staff, the Clerk of Session, Session Committees, the Board of Deacons and other church organizations and committees, receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of ruling elders, deacons and members of congregational committees, reviewing the 2026 operating budget, and any other business deemed appropriate for congregational consideration.

The annual Congregational meeting will be immediately followed by a short annual meeting of the Cemetery Corporation. All church members are members of the Cemetery Corporation also.

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.

**ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE — Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>–Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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>; Good Friday — April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ Resurrection Remembrance Service — April 5<sup>th</sup> | 9:30AM Worship
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 5<sup>th</sup> | 10AM Worship

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**SUMMER ARTS CAMPS — July 2026 | 9AM-12PM**

Kids will have music, drama, visual arts, snacks, and FUN, culminating with BINGO and performance night, as well as Youth Sunday.

**HOMEcoming SUNDAY — September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 10AM**

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and dedicate our pledges, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treat and a flag football game.

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 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>, 2026**

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

# 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. All are welcome, for Jesus gathers us together even as we divide ourselves by politics, denomination, or whatever labels the world puts on us. 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 and "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials. 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 - Kindergarteners will adjourn to Room 303, Grades 1-3 will adjourn to Room 206, and Grades 4-8 will adjourn to Room 202/204.



## UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**TONIGHT! Unplugged Coffeehouse @ 7 PM!!!**  
**"Love Songs"**

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we continue our coffeehouse series. The theme will be "Love Songs" and will feature our very own *The Red Clay Collective* (artists Ben, Deena, Charlie, Rachele and Dinyar) and guests *The June Bugs*. Coffeehouse begins at 7 pm; doors open at 6:30 pm. JOIN US!

## RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*  
Rev. Emily Schwenker ❖ Rev. Dr. Philip Jones

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*  
Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*  
Jamie Russell, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director* ❖ Sofia Martin, *Nursery Support*  
Delaney Christel, Josephine DeCaire, Quiara Smith, *Sunday School Teachers*

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*

Nancy James, *Clerk of Session* ❖ Kathy Ciabattoni, *Deacon Moderator*  
Bill Ciabattoni, *Belong Chair* ❖ Darlyn Green-Kocher, *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*

*\* 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.





# 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-somed 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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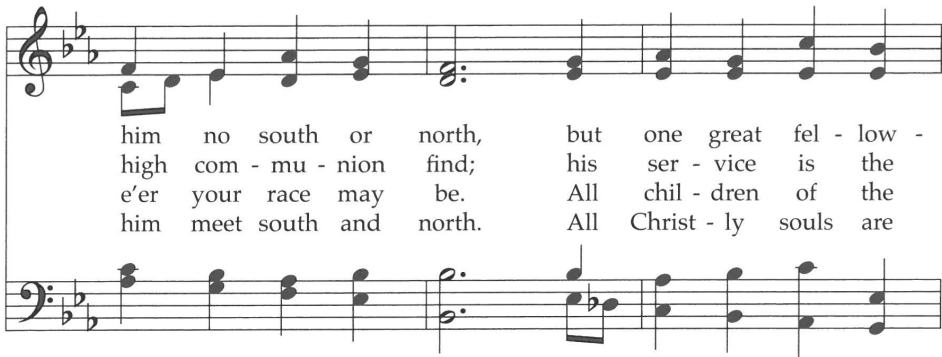
We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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.

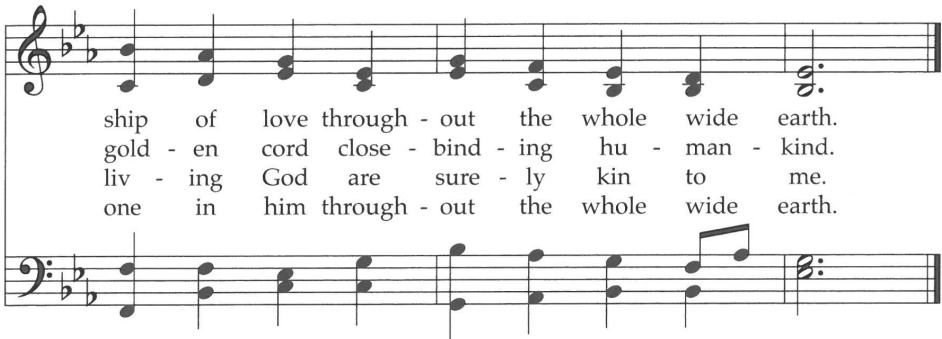
# In Christ There Is No East or West 318



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

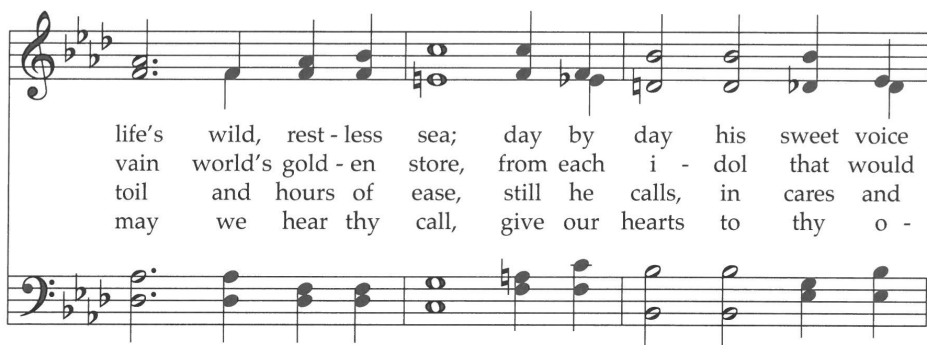
This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

# Jesus Calls Us

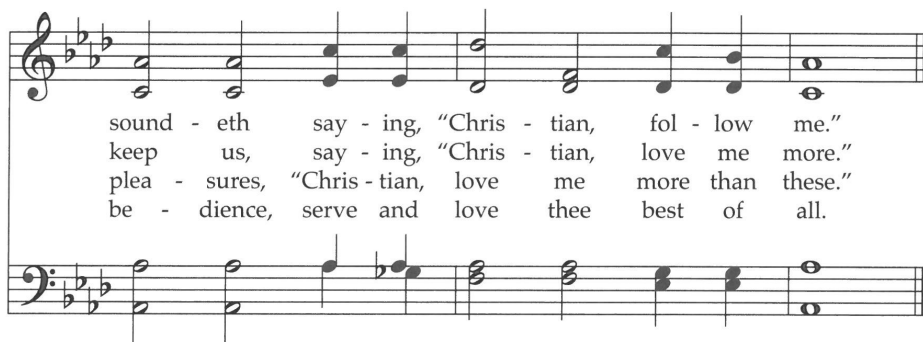
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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.