



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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.*

### PRELUDE

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

\*Indicates all who are able may stand

\*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!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 475 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them there are ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)*

\*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**

**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, BWV 147**

(J.S. Bach)

**\*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 187, vss. 1,2**

**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

# LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON      John 10:11–14

MUSICAL OFFERING    Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208      (J.S. Bach)

SERMON      It's All Good: Blaming Mark Bavaro      Rev. Dr. Phillips

# SEND

\*HYMN 39      **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

\*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.*



Don't miss today's Noonday Concert at 11:30 am!  
Join us in the sanctuary for this special violin and cello duet program,  
featuring violinist, Deena Andrews and cellist, Jessie Reagen.  
They will play a selection of classical and popular pieces arranged for  
violin and cello.



Today, we offer a special welcome to all members of Cub Scout Pack 29  
and Scout BSA Troop 29 & Troop 1029, and their families!  
We are thrilled to have you join us for worship!

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Stevie Diienzo, Max O'Donnell, Addie Holly, Addison Gilpin, *Scout Liturgists*  
The Red Clay Collective, *Music Ministry*  
Deena Andrews, *Violinist*; Jessie Reagen, *Cellist*  
John Christie, *Usher Captain*; John Gast, *Greeter*

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

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Lynn Rodden,  
from Karen, Tim and Jean.



**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 in the hallway 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

### **Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing: FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our annual Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event is back and will kick off our Roots & Rays Service Challenge on February 22! Together, we'll pack more than 12,000 meals to be shipped to food-insecure communities around the world. Want to be part of it? Use the link to sign up. This is a favorite event and spots fill quickly, so be sure to reserve yours soon. You can also support this year's effort by donating through the same link. Every gift, big or small, helps us reach our goal and extend hope beyond our walls.



## 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.




# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



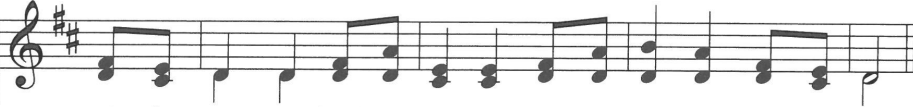
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

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1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주