



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 / 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

## LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

*Help me, dear Lord, to see my brother with the eyes of Christ, to hear my sister with the ears of Christ, to taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ, to smell creation's beauty with the nose of Christ, to touch the world's pain with the hands of Christ, and to love life, each life, every life, with the heart of Christ. Amen.*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME

One: The Lord is risen!  
Many: **He is risen indeed!**



*Sign-Up!*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here today, All-Living God, because we can be nowhere else.  
Many: **We must praise you for your mighty works and commit ourselves to your eternal purposes. May we give ourselves more fully to living out the truth of the resurrection, not only on Easter, but every day of our lives, even into the life everlasting.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*"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 are ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: **Almighty God, we give you thanks that on this grand day of days you resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead. You thereby defeated death and established your reign over all things, including sin and death.**

**We confess that we continue to live in fear, and doubt or even deny the very grace you've given us. Grant us courage and grace to celebrate your resurrection victory so that we might see your**

*(continued)*

power made real in our world. While we may doubt, deny or forsake you, your ever-present grace surrounds us and keeps us together.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love is deeper than the deepest ocean and higher than the sky!

Many: **We have confidence today because this God who makes resurrection possible is the same God who loves us into life and calls us into service. These are words we can trust: in Jesus Christ we all are forgiven! Alleluia!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sa - vior, Wait - ing the  
co-ming day, Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave He a-rose, With a  
might - y tri - umph o'er His foes; He a-rose a vic - tor from the  
dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a-  
rose! He a-rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

Children's Choir & Festival Choir

*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

Christ Arose

(refrain)

***Up from the grave He arose, with a might triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

## 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

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all you nations and all you peoples!  
His mercy is upon us and the Lord's truth remains forever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, and is now, always, and forever.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

***What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 157

## I Danced in the Morning

### LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

Out of the Blue

Rev. Dr. Phillips

### SEND

\*HYMN 238

**Thine is the Glory**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Thanks to today's worship participants:

The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore, *RCCPC Parish Associate Emeritus*  
Rachele Gilmore, Children's Choir & Festival Choir, *Music Ministry*  
Sue Peo, *Trumpet*; Ben Andrews, *Timpani*; Deena Andrews, *Violin*  
Chip Gruber, *Usher*  
Lisa Nichols, John Gast and Mark Cozine, *Greeters*

Join us outside near the Memory Garden for refreshments, fellowship  
and the flowering of the Cross following the postlude.

The artwork featured on the front of the bulletin is titled "The Empty Tomb"  
by watercolorist Jennifer Greene (<https://render.fineartamerica.com/images/rendered/social-media/6703665?domainId=1>) (2009).

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).





*The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary today are given:*

*In Loving Memory Of:*

Allen & Bonnie Lowry  
Allen Lowry  
Ben & Wanda Slowinski  
Bill Keay  
Bonnie Lowry  
Brandon Kolle (my son)  
Chloe  
Darden Rodden  
Dean Sikora  
Dot Archer  
Ed Krein  
Edith & Richard E. Clement  
Elizabeth Rada  
Eric Brooks  
Family members  
George & Rosemary Sausen  
Grover & Louise Hale (my parents)  
Harry Meyer  
Herbert & Elizabeth Freed  
Jack R. Bulk  
Jim  
Jim Byrnes  
Jo DeLuca

*From:*

Kim & Steve Woodward  
Kim & Steve Woodward  
Elaine & Al DeLuca  
Peggy Keay Germain  
Kim & Steve Woodward  
Jacqui Kolle, Taylor & Eric McLaughlin  
Lynn & Jim Moffett  
Karen, Jean & Tim  
Jane & Tom Wood  
Lisa Nichols  
Wife & Children  
Marcia Clement Kelly  
The Putscher Family  
The Gamble Family  
Edwina Nowland  
Jay & Mary Cay  
Sharon Meyer  
Sharon Meyer  
Diane Freed  
The Wood Family  
Blanche Pando  
Cathy Byrnes  
Elaine & Al DeLuca

*In Loving Memory Of:*

JoAnne Strickler  
Joe & Carole Fedena (my parents)  
Larry Smolen  
Lisa Febre  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Lynn Rodden  
Margaret K. Kissell  
Mom  
My husband, Leon Thompson  
My mother, Loretta Strange  
My parents,  
    Fu-Yun Tseng & Hsu-Shin Tseng  
My parents, Ray & Jean Nichols  
My parents,  
    Tso-Hsun Lo & Juo-Chu Chang Lo  
Olive & Charlie Reilly  
Oma Fox  
Our daughter  
Our parents  
Our parents  
Our parents  
Our parents  
Our parents  
Paul Weldin

*From:*

Donna Reilly  
Jacqui Kolle, Taylor & Eric McLaughlin  
Lorraine & Richard Gilmore  
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The Galinat Family  
Rev. Emily Schwenker  
Tosh & Norm Carlson  
Karen, Jean & Tim  
The Brown & Kissell Families  
Noah  
Arlene Thompson  
John & Susan Malloy  
Li-Hwa Tseng  
Lisa Nichols  
Pei-Yi Lo  
Donna & Jimmy Reilly  
Karen, Tim & Jean Rodden  
Jane & Bruce Spencer  
Brandon & Diane Wallace  
Ruth & Steve Wood  
Norris & Jeffers Families  
Rich & Debbie Behling  
Jon & Ginnie Cottrell  
Mary Jane Weldin



*The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary today are given:*

*In Loving Memory Of:*

Rev. Dr. Marianne Morgan

Richard A. Clement

Rosie Ramirez

Steve & Virginia Armstrong

Toddy Todd

Tyler Armstrong Keister

*From:*

Rhianon Morgan-Gomez & CJ Gomez

Marcia Clement Kelly

Isabel Sanford

Jay & MaryCay

Karen & Jim Caldas

The Clark Family: Brian, Courtney,  
William, August & Murphy

*In Honor Of:*

My grandson, Dominic

*From:*

Nancy Colvard

*To the Glory of God, From:*

Ann Thomas

Barbara Fox

Brandon & Diane Wallace

Dave & Mary Young

Ellen Hinrichs

Rev. Emily Schwenker

The Galinat Family

The Gast Family

The Malloy family





# Camp Red Clay 2026

MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAM

## Summer Camps

### Summer Music Camp

July 6th – July 10th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

\$75 suggested donation

#### Campers completed K-5 Grade

Children will explore the joy of music through singing, playing instruments, movement, and more. Expect to learn a lot of songs and leave every day with a song in your spirit!

### Summer Recreation Camp

July 20th – Friday, July 24th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

\$75 suggested donation

#### Campers completed K-5 Grade

Led by our awesome children's director, Jamie Russell, children will play games, bask in free play, learn about sports, and stay active. Come ready to move and play outside!

### Summer Arts Camp

July 13th–July 17th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pay what you can

#### Campers completed K-5 Grade

Children will dip their toes into five arts stations every day, including visual art, music, drama, movement, and more. This is our flagship and most highly attended camp every summer!



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

**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.

**CAMP RED CLAY — 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

**ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE — February –March, 2027**

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

**HOLY WEEK 2027**

- ◆ Maundy Thursday — March 25<sup>th</sup> ; Good Friday — March 26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Resurrection Remembrance Service — March 28<sup>th</sup> | 9:30AM Worship
- ◆ Easter Sunday — March 28<sup>th</sup> | 10AM Worship

# 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

### Kirkin' O' the Tartan: April 26<sup>th</sup>!

Our Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan worship service at Red Clay will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am! This will be a day to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian church. We will have a bagpiper, drummer and a procession of tartans.

*We encourage all to wear some form of Scottish plaid on this day!*



## 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* ❖ Christine Fischer, *Personnel Chair*  
Mark Cozine, *Home Chair* ❖ John Gast, *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

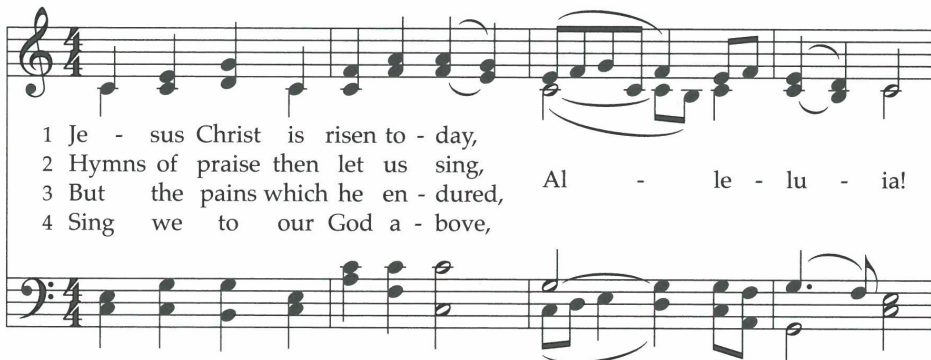
Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope 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.



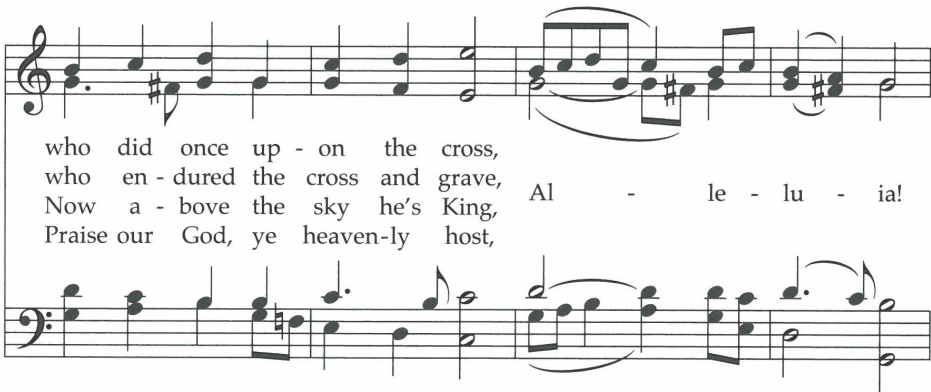
# 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line on a treble clef and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics underneath it. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

# 157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)  
 Gm C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 Bb F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die.  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Refrain* (F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)  
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff starts with a whole note chord (F4, A4, C5) and continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.