



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 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

(Iona Benediction Prayer)

*The cross, we will take it. The bread, we will break it. The pain, we will bear it. The joy, we will share it. The Gospel, we will live it. The love, we will give it. The light, we will cherish it. The darkness, God shall perish it!*

### PRELUDE

Speak, O Lord

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**



*Sign-Up!*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS FOR INSTALLATION

*Karen Caldas and Vicki Smith, Deacons*

## QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICERS & QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

*Do you, members of the church, accept these Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please answer, "We do."*

*Do you agree to encourage them, respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? If so, please answer, "We do."*

## PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God spoke and light broke into the darkness.

**Many: God still speaks.**

One: In fire that does not consume, in a voice that redirects, in moments we did not plan—

**Many: God still speaks.**

One: To the one who is listening ... and to the many who are still learning -

**Many: God still speaks.**

One: So come, not with answers, but with openness.

**Many: We are here to listen. We are here to worship the Lord.**

### \*HYMN 263

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

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God who talks.... in flame that burns but does not consume, in voices we do not expect, in moments that interrupt and redirect, we confess that we have not always listened.

**Many: You call our name, and we keep going. You place something before us, and we look the other way. You speak in ways that unsettle us, and we cling to what is safe and familiar. Pause us now. Still us now. Create in us a quiet space where your Word can take root. Through Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God talks - and what God says is grace.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited to listen again.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Speak, O Lord

(verse 1)

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.*

\*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

Speak, O Lord

(verse 3)

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION

*Allison Wong*

*June Sylvie Tobin, daughter of Patrick Michael Tobin & Kelsey Marie Lanan Tobin*

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.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Dennise Orlando, Allison Wong & Shaun Gundel*

**Many:** We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

# 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      Sweet By and By

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 442      **Just as I Am, without One Plea**

# LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Exodus 3:1-14

SERMON      GODTALKS: Shaw Hill Road      Rev. Dr. Phillips

# SEND

\*HYMN 268      **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Proclamation



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Bell Choir and The Red Clay Collective, *Music Ministry*  
Nancy James, *Usher Captain*; Meredith Jones, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Roger McClellan,  
from Joyce, Pam, Heather, Stephanie and Lily.



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

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.

**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 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

### Kirkin' Social & Lecture: This Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Join us on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 6:00–8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall for our Kirkin' Social & Lecture, featuring Dr. Heath W. Carter, Associate Professor of American Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary. He will be presenting a talk titled **"Presbyterians and the American Revolution: That 'Irish-Scotch Presbyterian Rebellion'"**. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and learning. Please sign up in advance so we can plan well.



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

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

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, A. Bloom, K. Ciabattoni, D. Howarth, *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.



# 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 - sored 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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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.

# 442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
 con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,  
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
 I be - lieve,  
 thine a - lone,

## SPANISH

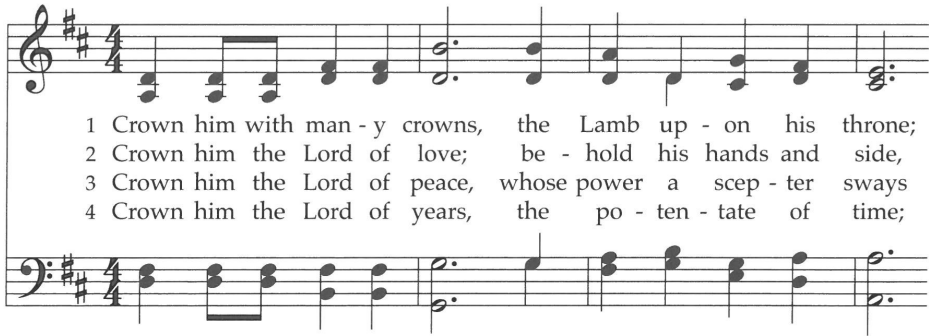
1 *Tal como soy de pecador,  
 sin más confianza que tu amor;  
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,  
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

## KOREAN

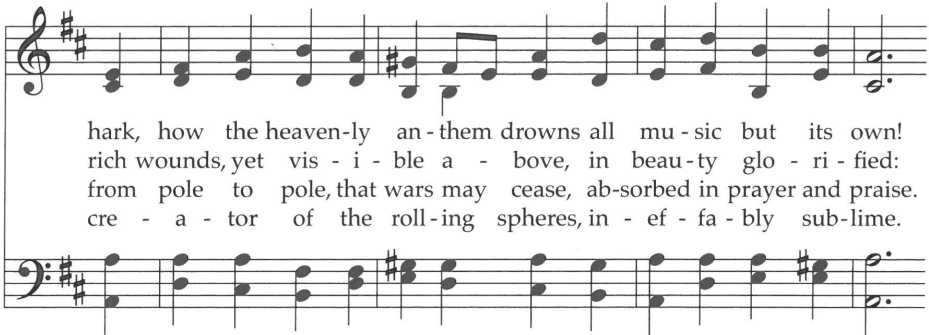
1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해  
 주보-혈 흘려주시고  
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-  
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

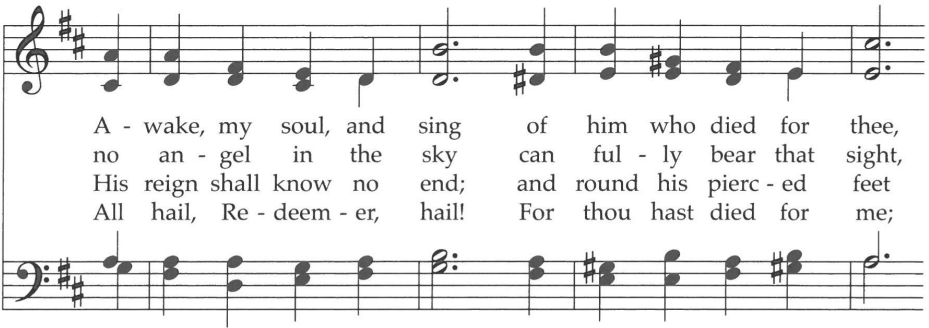
# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



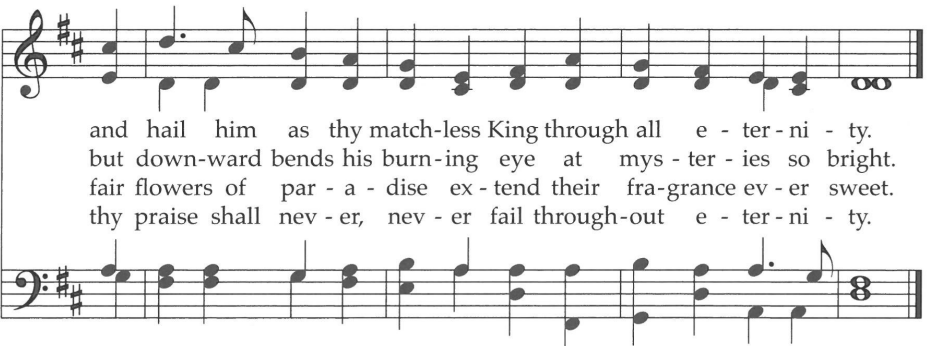
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.