



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**



***Sign-Up!***

\*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 267

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God who talks... in flames that burn but do 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 CHOIR & THE LORD’S PRAYER

What an Awesome God

Phil Wickham

*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***

## PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-8

SERMON

GODTALKS: The Fine China

Rev. Dr. Phillips

HYMN 516

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

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

Lauda Anima

\*SUNG 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

## SEND

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

GRACIOUS INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One:     The Lord be with you.

**Many:    And also with you.**

One:     Lift up your hearts.

**Many:    We lift them up to the Lord.**

One:     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many:    It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All are welcome to the table! This morning the congregation is served in procession. Those seated in the pews at the front of the sanctuary begin the procession when directed by ushers.*

*For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.*

*All bread is gluten-free; please take a piece from the offered tray. Empty glasses are placed in the bowls provided near the communion servers.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Many:    In your body broken and in your blood shed for all of us, Lord, we have tasted and seen that you are good. In this meal, we have experienced again your deep love for your world. May the sweet**

**taste of this meal strengthen us for living for you and remind us that we are called to live according to your will and to love as you love. Help us to yearn for your coming again, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN 625

**How Great Thou Art**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



We welcome the Rev. Nancy W. Anderson to worship today! Nancy last preached from RCCPC's pulpit in May, 2025. She attended seminary at Regent College in Vancouver, BC, and then pastored churches in Iowa and Wilmington. Even though Nancy has retired from "professional" ministry, she is still enthusiastic about helping others discover and develop their relationship with God in Jesus by means of Bible study, prayer, service, and artistic expression.

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Children's Choir, Festival Choir and The Red Clay Collective, *Music Ministry*  
Jim Murray, *Usher Captain*; Ellen Hinrichs, *Greeter*

The red rose in the chancel is in celebration of the birth of Nora Jane, daughter of Emily and Nick Darr, granddaughter of Amy and Mark Cziraky, and in honor of Mother's Day – with grateful hearts for the gift of life and love.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Maggie Shafer and Mary Brunt from Ray & Catherine Shafer.



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.

**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 (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) can attend Summer Music Camp (Jul. 6-10), our flagship Summer Arts Camp (Jul. 13-17) and Summer Recreation Camp (Jul. 20-24). Register to join the fun!

**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

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 2027 | 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.

# 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 RED CLAY HOEDOWN

*A Coffeehouse Benefit for Maine.*

Join us on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** for a special evening of our Unplugged Coffeehouse series—a good old-fashioned Hoedown. Enjoy a night of joyful Americana music performed by the Red Clay Collective (Ben, Deena, Charlie, Dinyar & Rachele), joined by bassist Elliott Gardner, plus plenty of down-home fun! Coffee and Maine-themed desserts will be served! Come be part of something special as we raise support for our annual mission trip to Maine, where we partner with MATE, a housing ministry, to help local residents with much-needed home repairs & renovations. Hope to see you there!

## 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, 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

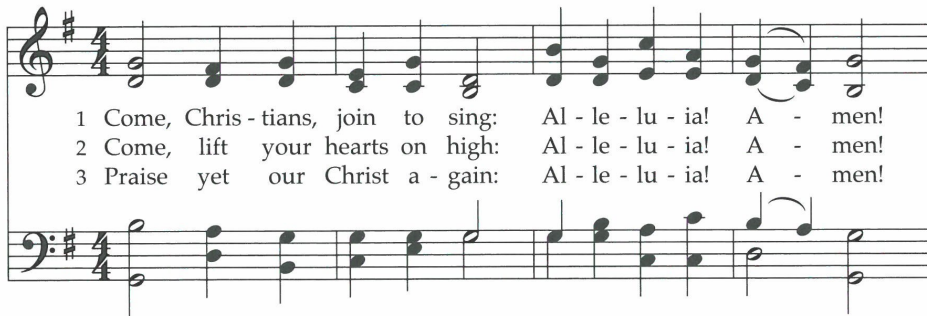
Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope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

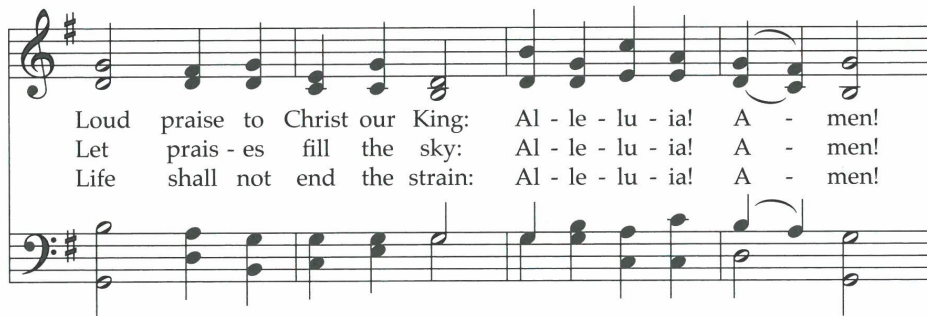
Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.



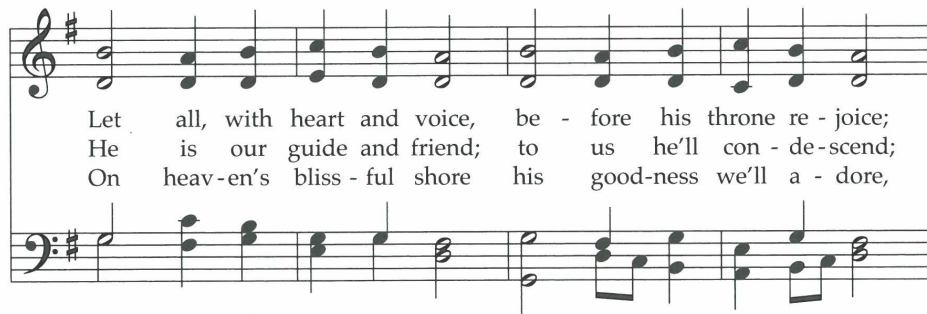
# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



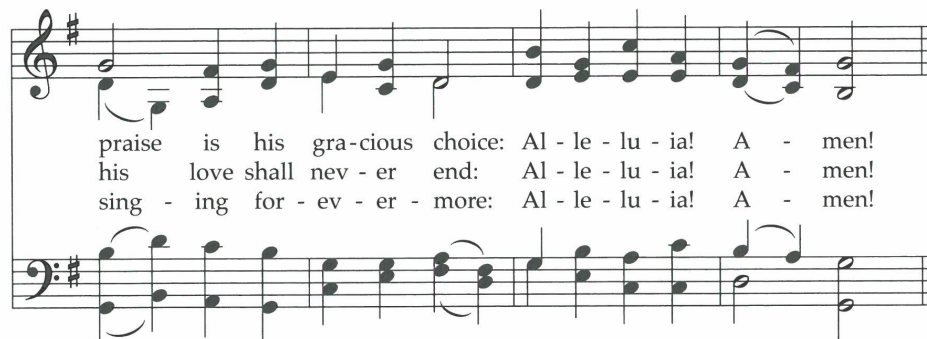
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

# 516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the  
2 By this promise that you love us, by your  
3 With the saints who now adore you seated  
4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven a -  
at the heavenly board, may the church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

# O Lord My God

## How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in

hear the \*roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the  
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and  
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to  
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

*\*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

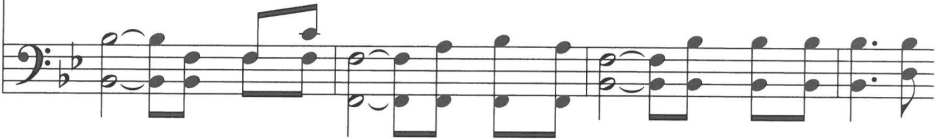
Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:  
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

