



# Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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

The Unclouded Day

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**



*Sign-Up!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Spirit of God, flickering over our heads, illuminating our faces,  
inspiring our thoughts, give us now, we pray,

**Many: Words of joy and praise!**

One: Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope, steadying our nerves with  
peace, comforting our lives with love, give us now we pray,

**Many: Words of joy and praise!**

One: Spirit of God, come to us now—surging through the darkness of our  
lives, sweeping over our weariness—so that in this time of Pentecost,

**Many: the rushing wind of hope may echo around the world, may echo  
in the church, and find their response in us.**

One: Spirit of God, give us now, we pray,

**Many: Words of joy and praise.**

\*HYMN 667

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Many: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We  
confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We  
do not listen to your word of grace, speak the good news of your  
love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O  
God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and  
fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your  
will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed  
away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom  
we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me                    (vs.1)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*



# LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

From Arabic to Zulu The Rev. Neta Lindsay Pringle

# SEND

\*HYMN 66

**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN 338

**O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**



We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Neta Lindsay Pringle as our guest preacher this morning. The Rev. Pringle is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City and has served churches in New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Delaware—including at Red Clay! Now retired, she currently lives at Cokesbury.

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Bell Choir, *Music Ministry*  
Brandon Wallace, *Usher Captain*  
Carol Hiller, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Dot Archer,  
from the Bell Choir.



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. 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.rcpc.org](http://www.rcpc.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

*Summer Camps for Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade! Register NOW!!!*

Three camps to choose from (or register for them all!), each 9:00 am-12:00 pm, for campers who have completed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade:

- **Music Camp (July 6-10):** Explore the joy of music through signing, playing instruments, movement and more.
- **Arts Camp (July 13-17):** Rotate through five arts stations each day (visual arts, music, drama, movement and more)!
- **Recreation Camp (July 20-24):** Play games, bask in free play, learn about sports and stay active outside!

## 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*

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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.



# 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

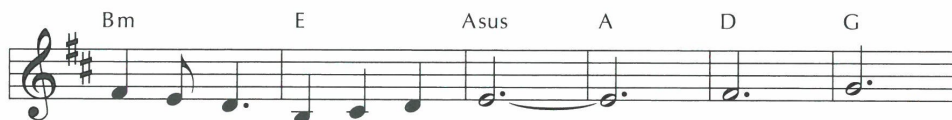
# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

## Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

E                      Asus                      A                      D                      G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A                      G                      D

ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm                      G

wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A                      D                      G/A                      D                      A *to Refrain*

rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

## 66

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

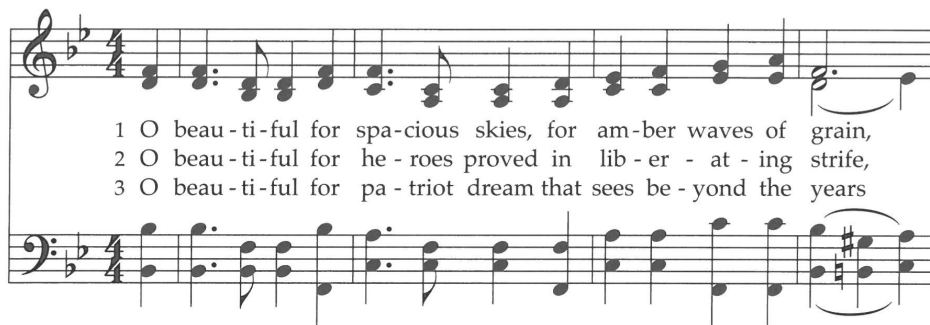
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

*to Refrain*

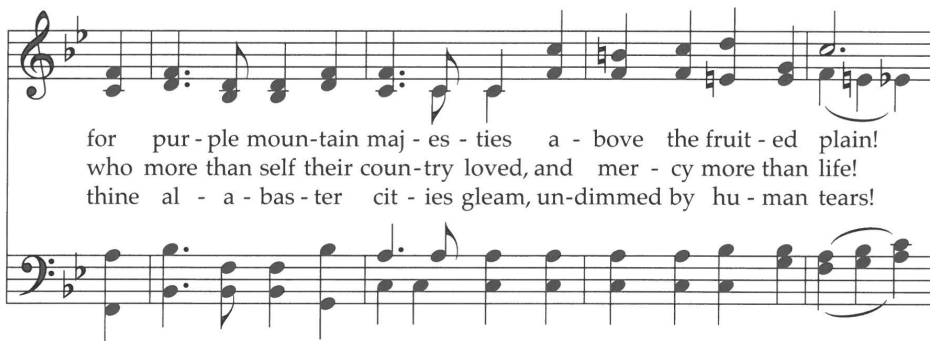
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

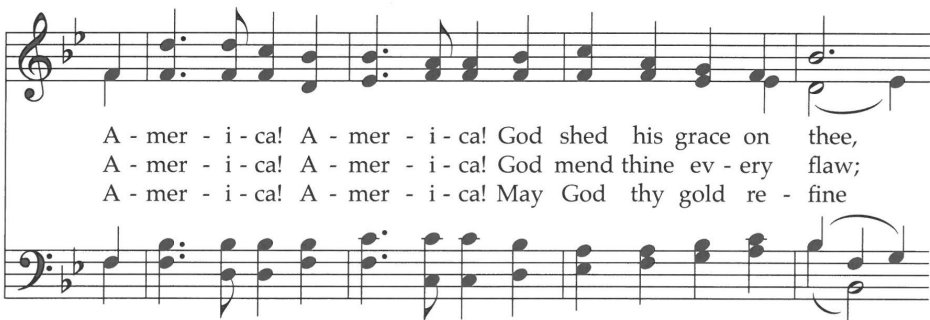
# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338



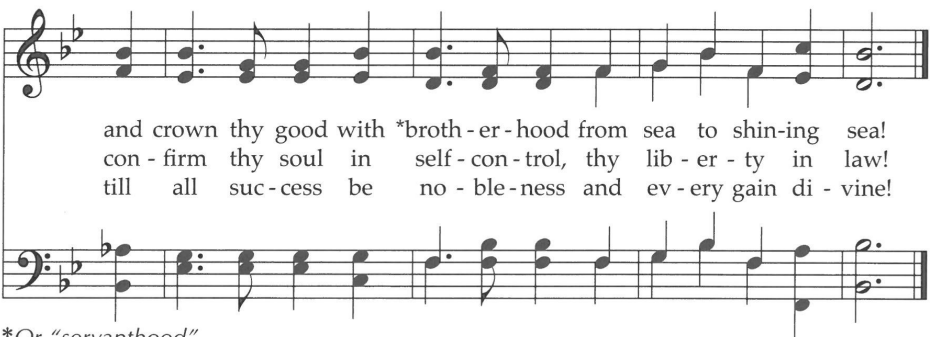
1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine



and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

\*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.