



# Red Clay Creek

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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

### PRELUDE

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**



*Sign-Up!*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Joshua 1:9; 24:15)

One: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed.

**Many: For the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.**

One: Choose this day whom you will serve.

**Many: As for us and our house, we will serve the Lord.**

One: Remember what God has done, and trust where God will lead.

**Many: With courage and hope, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN

Here In This Place (Gather Us In)

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
Here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Joshua 1:5–9; 24:14–15)

**Many:** Faithful God, you promise to be with us wherever we go, yet we are often afraid to follow where you lead. We forget what you have done, cling to what is familiar, and give our hearts to lesser things. Forgive us when our courage fails and when our choices lead us away from you. Remind us of your faithfulness. Give us courage for the road ahead, and teach us again to serve you with all our heart and all our life. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Joshua 1:5; Matthew 1:21; 28:20)

**One:** Hear the good news: the God who promised Joshua, “I will be with you,” is faithful still. In Jesus Christ, God has come near to save, forgive, and lead us forward. Friends, believe the good news:

**Many:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Salvation

(congregation joins on cue)



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith- ful in love. My



debt is paid and the vic'try won: The Lord is my sal-va - tion.

## \*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 playground.*

## SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Salvation

(see previous page)

# PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Numbers 13:1–16

Joshua 1:5–9

## SERMON

Joshua: Call Me Walter

Rev. Dr. Phillips

## HYMN

### Come to the Table of Grace

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.*

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.*

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.*

## CALL TO THE OFFERING

*Following today’s service, you are invited to place your offering in the basket with the ushers. You may also make an online donation by going to [rcpc.org](http://rcpc.org) and click “Give”.*



# 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!*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Eternal God,

**Many: We thank you that in Christ you have fed us with the bread of life. May we who have tasted your bounteous gifts proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth, that all people might come to know that you dwell in our midst, eager to greet your creation with abounding love and mercy; we ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN

**We Are One in the Spirit  
(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)**

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*(continued)*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

POSTLUDE



Thanks to today's worship participants:

The Red Clay Collective, *Music Ministry*; Greg & Karen Tronto, *Usher Captains*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Richard “Brad” Jeffers,  
on the anniversary of his birthday, from his family.



Don't forget to sign up for a Good Group, meeting four (4)  
times to coincide with our Joshua sermon series (Sept. 27-Oct. 24)!

- **Sunday morning Book Study**, hosted by Michael Snouffer, Sundays at 9 AM at RCCPC;
- **Sunday evening Family**, hosted by Sam & Amanda Van Horne, 5:30 PM at RCCPC (children under 6<sup>th</sup> do chill activity; children 6-12<sup>th</sup> go to youth group; adults meet for discussion);
- **Monday afternoon Adults**, hosted by John & Leslie Gast, 2 PM at RCCPC;
- **Monday evening Adults**, hosted Dave & Jane Conly, 7 PM at Conly home in Harrogate (First 3 weeks only);
- **Parents of Young Children (Zoom)**, 8:30 PM on Zoom—day of week and time changes based on weekly availability of group;
- **Wednesday evening Adults**, hosted by Susan & Bob Kissell, 7:00 PM in Greenville;
- **Thursday evening Adults**, hosted by Janice & Peter Itzel, 7:00 PM at Itzel home in Skyline Ridge;
- **Friday evening ALL**, hosted by Van & Brooke Sedita, 7 PM at Sedita home in North Star;
- **Saturday evening Men**, hosted by Ben Andrews, 8 PM in Hockessin (various locations).

*Following worship, we invite you to stay for outdoor fellowship. After a summer of traveling and family time, recommit to another season together as one worshipping community united in love. Enjoy our bounce house for the kids, Kona Ice, soft pretzels and great music for all!*

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.

**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.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC — June 2027 | 10AM**

Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

**CAMP RED CLAY — July 2027 | 9AM-12PM**

Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) can attend one of our three Camp Red Clays! More info coming soon.

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY — September 2027 | 10AM**

We mark our return to regular church programming with the start of our fall sermon series and Sunday School & youth ministry kick offs.

# 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" 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

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Noonday Concert: HYMN SING!**

Join us for this concert of favorite hymns, sung by the congregation and led by Barbara Vanderkraats, accompanied by Jeffrey Miller. We may learn one or two new ones too!



## 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*  
Jamie Russell, *Director of Children & Youth Ministries*  
Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator* ♦ Ben Andrews, *Seminary Resident*  
David Newby, *Youth Coordinator* ♦ Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director*  
Delaney Christel & Josephine DeCaire, *Sunday School Teachers*

Julie Reeder, *Office Coordinator* ♦ Dinyar Vania, *Facilities Manager*  
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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.

