



Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 / 10 AM

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 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*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't'ry 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 8th grade to the nursery or their Sunday school classes, as the congregation prepares to hear the sermon.

SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Salvation

(see previous)

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.



*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:14–25

MUSICAL OFFERING

SERMON

Joshua: The Broadway Bee

Rev. Dr. Phillips

SEND

*HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
 3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,
still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, No turn-Ing
to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?

back, no turn-ing back.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Thanks to today's worship participants:

Lauda, *Music Ministry*
John Christie, *Usher Captain*
Shirley Tielleman, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Sandy Sarjeant
by her family.



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.



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

FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY — October 25th, 2026 | 10AM

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3rd graders and dedicate our pledges, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treat and a flag football game.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 15th, 2026 | 10AM

We give thanks for God's many blessings and our rich history of over 300 years.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 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 25th ; Good Friday — March 26th
- ♦ Resurrection Remembrance Service — March 28th | 9:30AM Worship
- ♦ Easter Sunday — March 28th | 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-5th 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, 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.

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!

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM through the conclusion of worship in Room 125 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - Kindergarteners will adjourn to Room 123, Grades 1-3 will adjourn to Room 208, and Grades 4-8 will adjourn to Room 204/206.

UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Sunday, October 18: PINK OUT! & Noonday Concert @11:30AM

Wear PINK to worship for breast cancer awareness. Pastor Emily has partnered with Penn Medicine to establish a fund for those needing resources for breast cancer care. Consider donating to support this important initiative (write a check to RCCPC with "Help, Hope & Healing" in the memo or donate online at rccpc.org).

The Bell Choir will present a special concert, along with Jeffrey Miller, Barbara Vanderkraats, Deena & Ben Andrews, and special guest Leon Spencer, performing hymns, spirituals, gospel and folk songs, and even a surprise Motown ending. Don't miss this one!

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*

Kelley Norton, *Administrative Assistant* ♦ Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith, *Financial Associate*

Charlie Hannagan, *Technology Support*

A. Leonhard, S. Armstrong, A. Bloom, 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

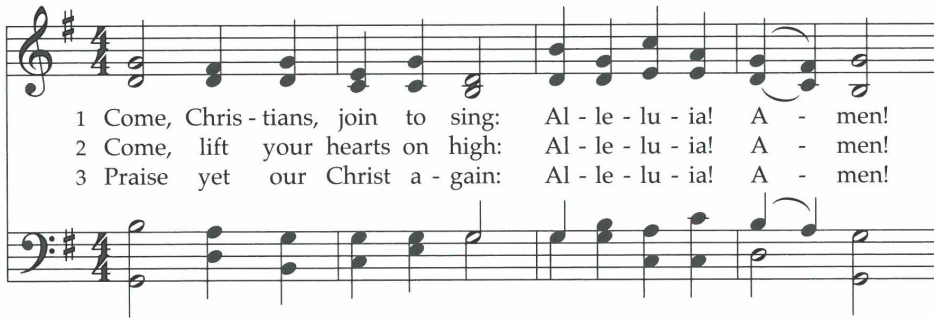
Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope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



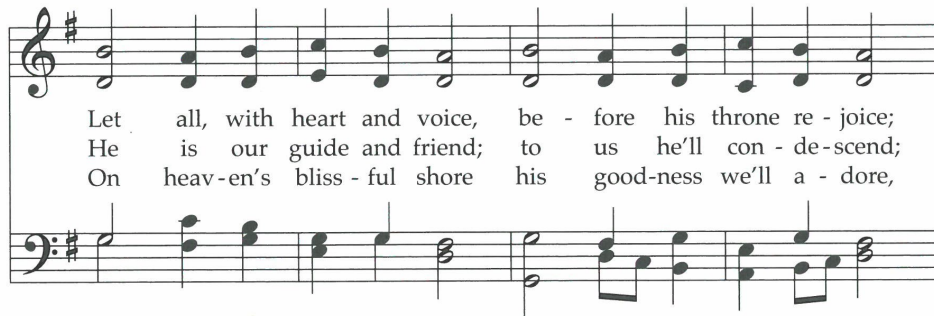
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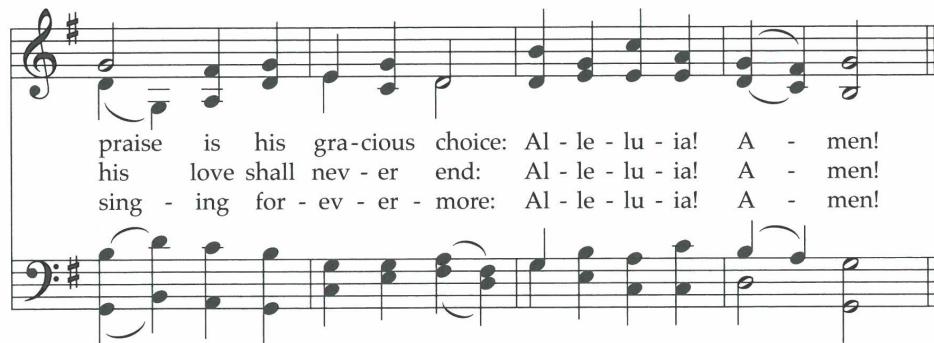
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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 - joice;
 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.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-on-ers free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.