



Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS / SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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

One: God has brought us this far—through generations of faith, through seasons of change, through grace upon grace.

Many: And God is not finished with us yet.

One: Christ draws us closer—to him and to one another.

Many: Together, we FOLLOW.

One: God opens our eyes to wonder, wisdom, and possibility.

Many: Together, we DISCOVER.

(continued)

One: The Spirit gathers our voices, our hearts, our whole lives.
Many: Together, we WORSHIP.
One: Grace received becomes grace given away.
Many: Together, we SHARE.
One: God has brought us this far. God will lead us on.
Many: FOLLOW. DISCOVER. WORSHIP. SHARE. Let us be the church together!

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: God of grace, you give us more than we can see, and still we are afraid there will not be enough. We hold back when you call us forward. We overlook the gifts already among us. We forget to give thanks. We keep for ourselves what you meant us to share. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our hands. Take what we have, take who we are, and make of us more than we imagined.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God's grace is not scarce. God's mercy does not run out. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and given another beginning.
Many: There is grace enough for all of us.
One: Thanks be to God.
Many: Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(Hymn 523; congregation joins on cue)

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

*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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(see previous)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1–13

SERMON

Second Serving: Old Uncle Donald

Rev. Dr. Phillips

HYMN 821

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

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 We Lift Our Voices

(Hymn 710)

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.***

***Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.***

***All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.***

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEND

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

GRACIOUS INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: What do we bring to the table of Christ and his saints?

Many: We bring bread, the gift of earth and the work of many hands.

One: What do we bring to the table of Christ?

Many: We bring the fruit of the vine, the gift of the earth and the work of many hands.

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: Lord Jesus Christ. You have put your life in our hands. Now we put our lives in yours. Amen.

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Between each of the verses of this hymn, names of Saints who now sit at the heavenly banquet will be read aloud and a bell will be chimed for each.

Rodney Julian Field

Lynette T. Gravatt

William T. Scott, Jr.

Andrew "Scott" Grieve

Malcolm Everett Baird

Lewis "Buck" Musser, Sr.

Brandon F. Kolle

Edward Howard, Jr.

John Victor Salter

Selma Sauer Glancey

Winnie Mildred Limperos
Max Richard Matteson, II
Frank Miles Julian
William Hawthorn Sharpe, Jr.
Rev. Dr. Marlene Louise Walters
Jean Keith Derickson

Samuel Delaney Moody
Paul A. Neutz
Barbara Sowden
Patricia Johnson
Charles Tulloch

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



A special thanks to The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore for joining us in the
Sacrament of Communion this morning!

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Festival Choir, *Music Ministry*
Rick Marsey, *Usher Captain*
Hank Smithies, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of our parents,
by Brandon & Diane Wallace.



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.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 15th, 2026 | 10AM

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

SERVICE OF LIGHT & HOPE — December 6th, 2026 | 3PM

A time of reflection and healing for those carrying burdens this season.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES — December 24th, 2026

- ◆ Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 4PM
- ◆ An Acoustic Candlelight Service | 6PM
- ◆ 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, Nov. 8th!

Recognition Sunday (10 AM):

We will remember and recognize: (1) members of Red Clay who have been on our active member rolls for at least 50 years—our "Senior Saints"; (2) those from our congregation who have served in the armed forces; and (3) our outgoing church officers.

UNPLUGGED—Live Aid (7 PM):

Join us in Heritage Hall for an unforgettable evening as our Unplugged Coffeehouse is transformed into a "Live Aid" style benefit concert—featuring the **Greatest Hits of the '80s!** We'll be raising funds to provide Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need. Doors open at 6:30 PM!

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.





1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

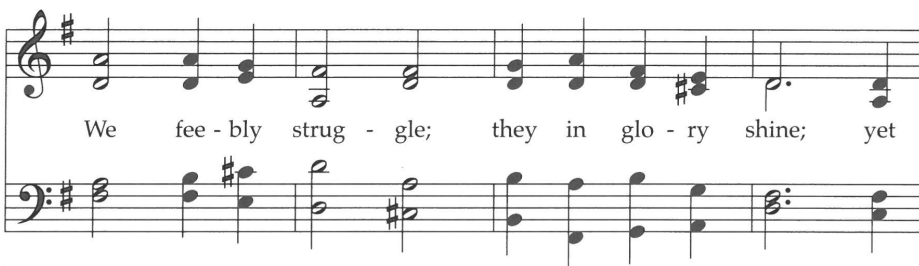


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

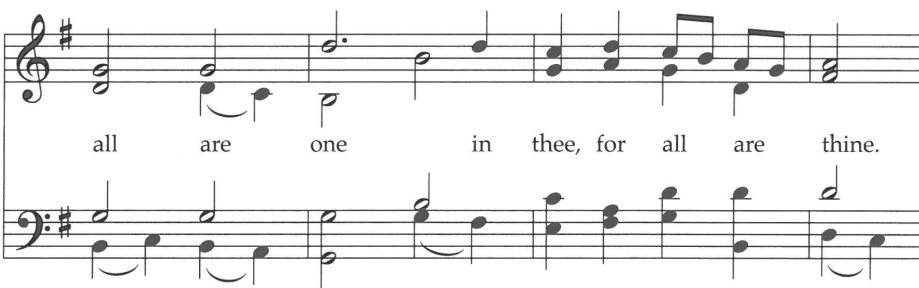
Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! to stanza 4

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!




I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

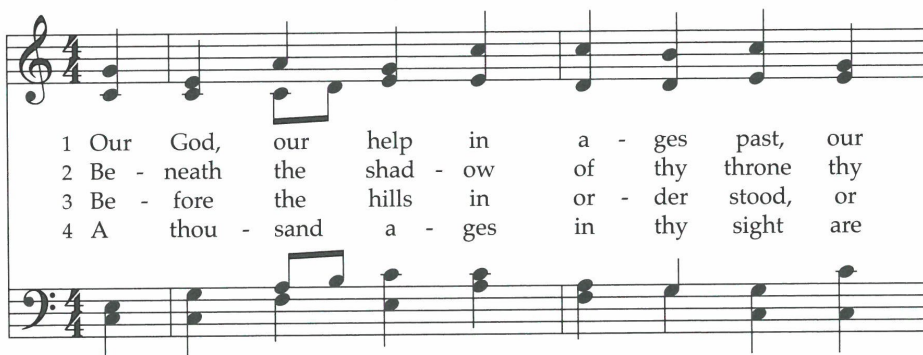



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

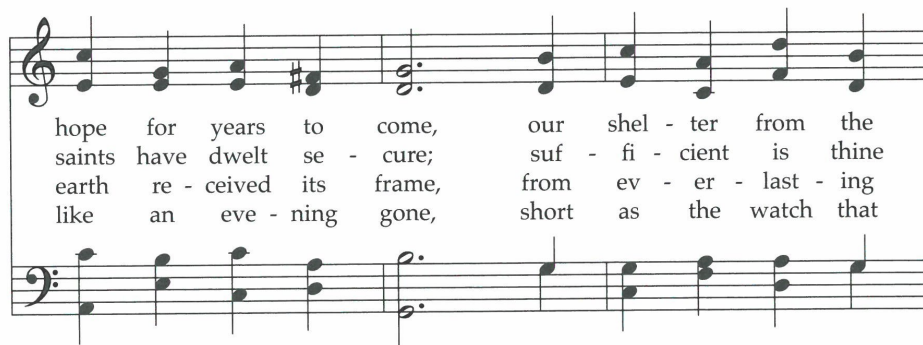


687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.