



Red Clay Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Follow the Star

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
AT RED CLAY

Every December, Red Clay begins to glow. The sanctuary gets a tree with lights. The front window that faces McKennans Church Road shines like a beacon in the early dark. Last year, even Founders Hall was set ablaze with strings of light - and on Christmas Eve, we put candles on the pews and in our hands until the whole room shimmers.

We do it because every December, we hang the lights and still find ourselves waiting for something brighter.

This Advent, we're following the star - not the one on a tree or in a store window, but the promise that still breaks through every dark sky. From Abraham counting stars to Mary carrying the light, these stories remind us that God's love keeps finding its way to us - steady, surprising, and new every year.

So lift your eyes, take a deep breath, and come follow the star with us.

NOVEMBER

30 WORSHIP - 10 AM

Promise of the Star - Advent 1

Genesis 15:1-6

Before the angels sang or shepherds watched their flocks, there was a quiet promise under a sky full of stars.

Join us on this 1st Sunday in Advent as we begin our new sermon series "Follow the Star" and we light the candle of "hope".

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

DECK THE HALL

Help us transform Founders Hall for the Christmas season again this year. Maybe you'll be stringing lights, building a cardboard cabin, or setting up a tree; all materials will be provided.

GIFT CARDS FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Donate toward gift cards for women at Friendship House to do holiday shopping for their children and families. Final collection is December 14.

ROOTS & RAYS

ADOPT A FAMILY



Take an ornament from the Giving Tree and purchase the matching gift to bless a local family in need this Christmas.

If you can't make it in person, an online sign-up option is available. Collection continues through December 14.

DECEMBER

7 WORSHIP - 10 AM

Dawn of the Star - Advent 2

Luke 1:67-79

Zechariah thought his story was over, but then he saw the first light of a new day.

Join us on this 2nd Sunday in Advent as we light the candle of "peace", share communion and welcome Kim Eppehimer, Executive Director of Friendship house of DE as our guest speaker.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

A RED CLAY ART SHOW

We invite our Red Clay artists to display their work in various media on the themes Christmas/Winter/Holiday/Sacred during our coffee hour. There will be a Silent Auction of a painting by Jo Howard. The congregation will also be signing giant Christmas cards.

QUILTED CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR SALE

The Faith, Hope & Love Quilters are holding their ever-popular Christmas sale in Founders Hall. Shop for stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, tree ornaments and more. Items will also be on sale the following Sunday.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 11:30 AM

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join Mr. Ben for a Christmas celebration! We'll have a White Elephant exchange with gifts provided, Christmas goodies, and other fun games. Wear a Christmas sweater if you have one! Sign up by Tuesday, December 2nd to guarantee a gift!



SERVICE OF LIGHT & HOPE - 3 PM

A time of reflection and healing for those carrying burdens this season. Join us in the sanctuary for this special service.

UNPLUGGED: FOLK CHRISTMAS - 7 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm as our coffeehouse series continues with guest artist Sharon Sable. Doors open at 6:30 pm.



9 FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - 12 PM

All are invited to join members, staff, and friends for this time of fellowship. This catered luncheon is free of charge but RSVPs are required. Our Care Choir will lead us in a Christmas sing-a-long following lunch.



14 WORSHIP - 10 AM

Following the Star - Advent 3

Join us on this 3rd Sunday in Advent as we light the candle of "joy" and embark on a special reflective journey through the Nativity story. Through Scripture, song, reflection, and prayer, we will pause at each of the seven Stations of the Creche to ponder the wonder and meaning of Christ's birth as we seek to prepare our hearts for the beauty and hope of Christmas.

This service will feature music by the Chancel Choir, vocal soloists, violin, and internationally renowned harpist Anne Sullivan.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:



ADVENT BRUNCH

Join us in Founders Hall for food and fellowship as we celebrate the Advent season! Menu consists of: French toast casserole, assorted quiches, bacon, potatoes au gratin, fruit salad, croissants, and assorted baked goods. Gluten/dairy-free quiche will also be served. Catered by Appleton Catering, tickets are \$15 per adult; \$12 children 6 - 10 years old, and free for children 5 & under. Tickets will be on sale in Founders Hall each Sunday after worship.

PICK-UP PICKLEBALL - 6:30 PM

Join us in Founders Hall for pickleball at 6:30 pm!

15 VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD BANK

Red Clay volunteers will meet at the Food Bank in Newark from 1 - 3 pm to help sort & organize food.

21 PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - 8:30 AM

Join Pastor Nate in Rm. 202/204 for this Christmas Bible study.

WORSHIP - 10 AM

Shining of the Star - Advent 4

Matthew 2:1-12

The star finally appears in the night sky, and strangers from far away begin to follow it.

Join us on this 4th Sunday in Advent as we light the candle of "love". Special music will include our bell choir and Chancel Choir. Our Christmas Joy offering will be collected. 100% of this offering goes directly to the PCUSA.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:



COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER

Purchase Christmas cookies in order to support our Mission to Maine service trip this summer.

COFFEE TRAILER

Help a small business by purchasing a holiday treat! Visit the Lucky Shot coffee trailer after worship for specialty coffee and holiday drinks.

COOKIE DECORATING & PICTURES W/ SANTA

We'll supply the cookies and toppings as kids decorate their own cookies and meet with Santa. Come for a festive time of fun, fellowship, and delicious treats.



A RED CLAY FAMILY CHRISTMAS



All are invited to join us in the sanctuary on December 21st at 7 pm for this holiday songfest.

Following the songfest, join us in Founders Hall for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve

at Red Clay



Family Service with Petting Zoo - 4 pm

Join us for a family-friendly service featuring a pop-up pageant that brings the Nativity story to life. Enjoy LIVE ANIMALS at our Christmas petting zoo, music by our in-house band, *The Red Clay Collective*, along with a performance by our children's choir. If you're interested in experiencing our petting zoo or the pop-up pageant, please arrive by 3:30 PM. This service will be approximately 40 minutes.

Classic Candlelight Service - 8 pm

Join us for a Classic Candlelight Service featuring Festival Choir and organ, with violinist Deena Andrews, guest cellist Jessie Reagen, and guest soprano Othalia Graham. This service will also be livestreamed.

Candlelight Communion Service - 11 pm

Come together to celebrate the birth of Christ in this sacred late-night service with candlelight and communion. Enjoy special music that includes piano, organ, cellist Jessie Reagen and bass Martin Hargrove. This service will also be livestreamed.

POST-CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER

28 WORSHIP - 10 AM

Join us for this post-Christmas worship service.

29 ONE-DAY ARTS CAMP - 9 AM



Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a one-day Arts Camp from 9 am - 12 noon. We will have a blast exploring the arts with Christmas and winter-themed activities. Email ben@rccpc.org for more details.

JANUARY

2 GLOW DANCE - 5 PM



Everyone is welcome at this family-friendly event. Join us in Founders Hall from 5 - 7 pm. We'll turn on the blacklights and turn up the music to dance the evening away. Florescent clothing is encouraged.

