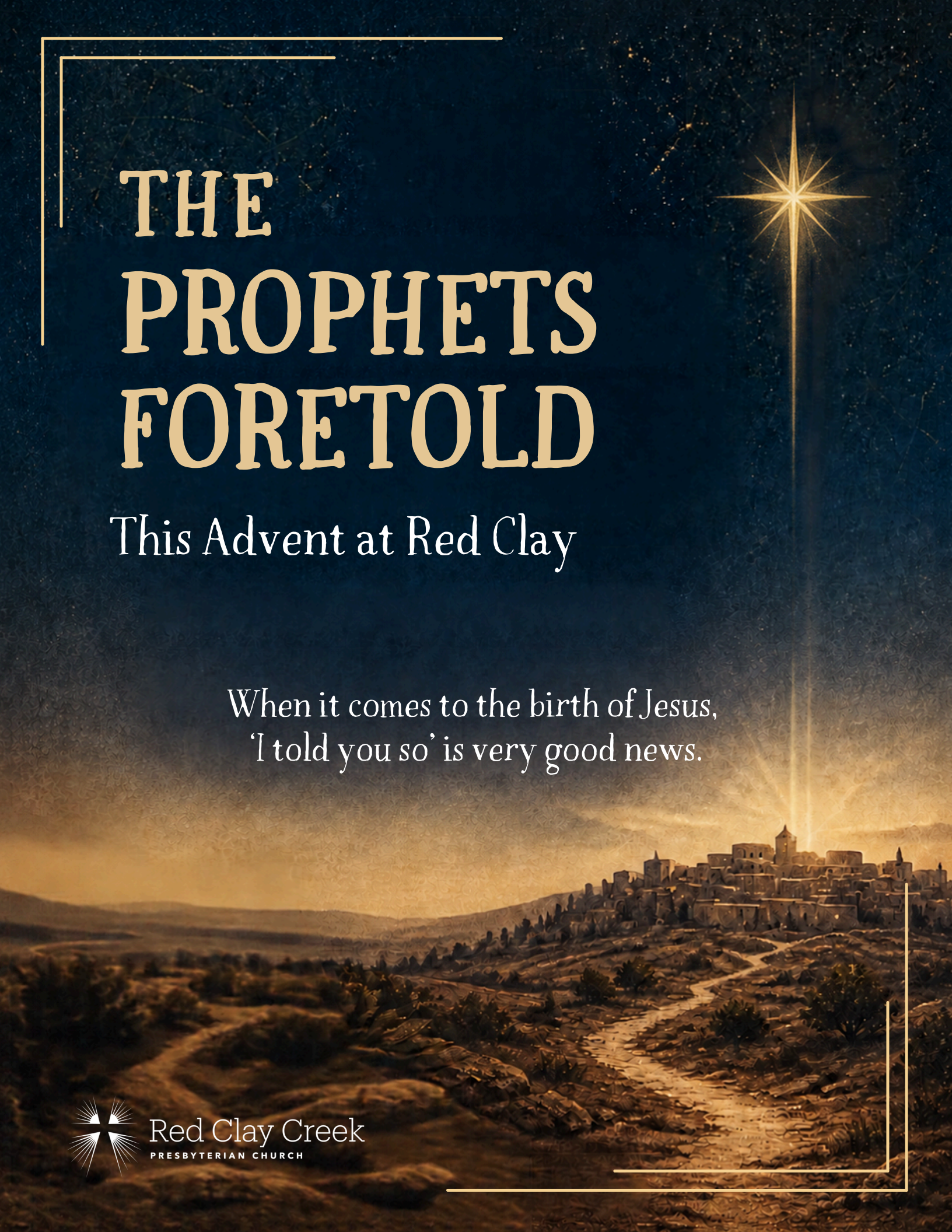

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The Prophets Foretold

ADVENT 2026 AT RED CLAY

Nobody likes to hear, "I told you so."

You take the wrong route, get stuck in traffic, and your backseat driver says, "I told you so." The bill comes in over the estimate, and your spouse says, "I told you so." Your marriage, your career, or even your vote doesn't turn out the way you hoped, and suddenly everybody is happy to tell you, "I told you so."

Nobody likes to hear it! ***But some people really love to say it!***

And it seems that the Gospel writer Matthew is one of them. Just look at the way he tells the story of Jesus' birth. Over and over again, Matthew reaches back centuries to the ancient prophets, reminding us that the extraordinary events surrounding Jesus' birth had been foretold long before anyone in Bethlehem had heard of Mary and Joseph. It's almost as if Matthew is saying, ***"I told you so!"***

This Advent, join us at Red Clay as we explore The Prophets Foretold and discover why, when it comes to the birth of Jesus, ***"I told you so" is very good news indeed!***

NOVEMBER

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PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - 8:30 AM

Join Pastor Nate in Rm. 204 as he continues this study on the Gospel of Mark.

WORSHIP - 10 AM

The Messiah - Son of David: Advent 1

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Matthew 1:1-17

Join us on this 1st Sunday in Advent as we begin our new sermon series "The Prophets Foretold".

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:



DECK THE HALL

Help us transform Founders Hall for the Christmas season again this year. All materials will be provided.

GIFT CARDS FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Donate toward gift cards for men & women at Friendship House to do holiday shopping for their children and families. Final collection is December 13.

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. Collection continues through December 13th.



Join the Faith, Hope & Love Quilters for a festive WRAPPING PARTY to wrap gifts for local children on December 14th at 10 AM in Heritage Hall.

DECEMBER

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WORSHIP - 10 AM

Immanuel - God With Us: Advent 2

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Join us on this 2nd Sunday in Advent as we share communion together.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:



CHRISTMAS CARDS IN FOUNDERS HALL

Following worship, join us in Founders Hall to sign these special Christmas cards for our homebound members. These special greetings will be delivered along with a beautiful poinsettia, sharing a little Christmas joy and reminding them that they are loved and remembered by their church family.

CAROLING - 11:30 AM -12:30 PM



This year we're taking the Christmas cheer to our church neighbors. Join us as we carol door-to-door around the neighborhood. Questions? Contact Jamie@rccpc.org.

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.

RED CLAY FELLOWS - 5:30 -7:30 PM

Our 11th & 12th grade Fellows meet for their weekly dinner & discussion.

7 ### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE



If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one by purchasing a Christmas Poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve, grab a paper form from the Narthex or use our online form at rccpc.org/signup. The cost is $18.00 each.

8 ### FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - 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.

10 ### 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.

DECEMBER 13TH

Lessons & Messiah

Join us for a special worship service at 10 AM on December 13th.

In addition to readings that align with our Advent theme, "Prophets Foretold," we will enjoy excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*. Soloists from the Metropolitan Opera, including Rachele Gilmore, Gina Perregrino, Dinyar Vania, and Martin Hargrove, will perform alongside our Festival Choir. *Messiah* is renowned as the greatest musical composition ever created about the life of Jesus. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage you to bring your friends!

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER



Purchase Christmas cookies in order to support our upcoming intergenerational mission trips.

COOKIE DECORATING & PICTURES W/ SANTA



Kids, youth, and young at heart can decorate Christmas Cookies and take pictures with Santa. Questions? Contact Jamie@rccpc.org.

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.

20 ### WORSHIP - 10 AM

Bethlehem - The Promised King: Advent 4

Micah 5:2-5a; Matthew 2:1-12

Join us on this 4th Sunday in Advent. Special music will include our handbell choir, Chancel Choir and children's choir.





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FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

20 ADVENT BRUNCH

On December 20th, join us in Founders Hall for food and fellowship as we celebrate the Advent season! Brunch menu consists of French toast casserole, assorted quiches, bacon, hash brown potatoes, fruit salad, croissants, and danish pastries. Gluten-free/dairy-free vegetable frittata will also be available. Catered by Appleton Catering, tickets are $17 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.



Looking Ahead:

28 GLOW DANCE - 5 - 7 PM

Everyone is welcome at this family-friendly glow dance. We'll turn on the blacklights and turn up the music to dance the night away. An adult must stay, but everyone is invited to join in the fun. Fluorescent clothing is encouraged. Contact Jamie@rccpc.org

CHRISTMAS EVE

FAMILY SERVICE WITH PAGEANT - 4 PM

A family-friendly service featuring a pop-up pageant that brings the Nativity story to life. Enjoy petting sheep and goats at our outdoor Christmas petting zoo beginning at 3:30 pm. To participate in the pop-up pageant, please arrive by 3:30 PM to get a costume. This service will be approximately 40 minutes.

ACOUSTIC CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 6 PM

Experience Christmas Eve in a whole new way! Join us for a relaxed celebration featuring Charlie Hannagan on guitar, favorite Christmas carols, a Christmas message, and a special candlelight gathering as we share the light of Christ. Come as you are and celebrate the wonder of Christmas together.

CLASSIC CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 8 PM

A Classic Candlelight Service featuring the Festival Choir, guest soloist Gina Perregrino and guest cellist Jessie Reagen. This service will be livestreamed.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE - 11 PM

Celebrate the birth of Christ in this sacred late-night service with candlelight and communion. Special music will include solist Martin Hargrove, bass and Jessie Reagen, cellist. A pre-service concert of Christmas music with Martin, Jessie, and Jeffrey will begin at 10:40 pm.

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