



# Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | January 28, 2018 | 10:30 am

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Transitional Pastor for Pastoral Care:  
Rev. Emily Schwenker  
Director of Music: Jeffrey Miller  
Music Ministry: Bell Choir  
Usher Captain: Dan Ayars  
Greeters:  
Bob and Mary Lou Borchardt

We are delighted you joined us for worship this morning!

At Red Clay, our vision focuses on belonging, nurturing, reaching and rejoicing. Our prayer is that you will experience the delight of belonging to God as we rejoice together in God's love.

Please note, our church family cherishes children and youth! Look on the back of this bulletin for information about our nursery and Sunday School classes.

As you prepare for today's worship, please join us in silent reflection and prayer.

The flowers are given for the Glory of God.

We welcome the Rev. Nona Holy, Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware, to our worship service this morning.

Flame-dancing Spirit, come,  
Sweep us off our feet and  
Dance us through our days.  
Surprise us with your rhythms,  
Dare us to try new steps, explore  
New patterns and new partnerships.  
Release us from old routines,  
To swing in abandoned joy  
And fearful adventure.  
And in the intervals,  
Rest us,  
In your still centre.

— Ann Lewin, *Candles & Kingfishers*



**Stay on the PATH**

**P**—for PRAYER and for the PEACE which passes all understanding;

**A**—for ACCEPTANCE; of the situation and each other;

**T**—for THANKFULNESS for: Red Clay; for pastors past, present, and future; for the members of the Mission Study team, Transition Team, and for Session; and,

**H**—for HEALING, and for HOPE for the future.

— Al Behringer.

# Calling the Community to Worship

## THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### THE GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God is a faithful God who claims us in the covenant of faith.

People: **Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.**

Leader: Our God is a loving God who has freed us in the covenant of love.

People: **Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Let us worship God.**

### THE HYMN\*

*God of Our Life* | HYMN 686

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

God of grace and mercy, it is so hard for us to accept your abundant love for us. We try to make your grace something we can earn. We want to believe we deserve it. Not accepting that your grace is unearned and undeserved in our own lives makes us stingy. We do not offer grace with generous and merciful hearts to others, though you ask us to love others as you have loved us. Generous God, we ask your forgiveness. (A time of silent confession.)

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . .

*(continued)*

People: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:37-39)

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### THE RESPONSE\*

*I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* | HYMN 799

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
and pitied every groan.**

**Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I'll hasten to God's throne.**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
and chased my grief away.**

**O let my heart no more despair  
while I have breath to pray.**

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Let us join together in song as the children leave for Sunday School.

*Morning Has Broken*

**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

### THE MUSICAL OFFERING

*Celebration Fanfare*

## Proclaiming the Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 (Responsively)

Leader: It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples.

People: **It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors**

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\*Please stand

The congregation is invited to read aloud text in **bold print**.

Leader: that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**People: Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.**

Colossians 3:12-17  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON  
*Saying Grace*  
Rev. Nona Holy

## Responding to the Word

THE HYMN  
*God of Grace and God of Glory* | HYMN 307

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE PERMISSION  
*Friendship House Epiphany House Need*  
Friendship House Epiphany House, is stage one transitional housing for women at 722 N. Union Street in Wilmington. Epiphany House serves six homeless women who are determined to better their lives. Counselors are present on-site to work with them on their issues and to help them secure a job. The women stay in the house for 30-60 days. Each evening, dinners are needed as they strive to get back on their feet. Volunteers prepare and deliver a wholesome meal for 8-10 women, usually staying to share the meal in fellowship. Red Clay volunteers provide meals 3 times a month. For more information about how you can serve, contact Meg Aument at [augment.meg@gmail.com](mailto:augment.meg@gmail.com).

## THE OFFERING

Please take this time to fill out the connection cards. We hope that first time visitors will provide us with your address so that we can send you a midweek treat!

THE MUSICAL OFFERING  
*My Lord! What a Morning*

## THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE 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.**

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

## Going Forth to Serve in Christ

THE HYMN\*  
*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* | HYMN 839

## THE BENEDICTION\*

Please join us for the Annual Congregational meeting immediately after the 10:30 service, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Staff, the Clerk of Session, Session Committees, the Board of Deacons and other church organizations and committees, receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of ruling elders, deacons and members of congregational committees, reviewing the 2018 operating budget, and any other business deemed appropriate for congregational consideration. This meeting will be immediately followed by a short annual meeting of the Cemetery Corporation.

## CALENDAR

Weekly	Monthly	Not on our email list yet? Please email <a href="mailto:office@rccpc.org">office@rccpc.org</a> to join the list or contribute to the calendar.
<b>Sun</b> Worship, 8:30/10:30 am Adult Forum, Room 201, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Youth Group, 11:30 am Annual Congregational Mtg., Sanctuary, 11:30 am <b>Mon</b> Faith, Hope & Love Quilters, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am Bible Study, Library, 9:45 am <b>Tues</b> Craft Group, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am <b>Wed</b> Bible Study, off-site, 7:00 am Women's Bible Study, Library, 12:00 pm Bell Choir, Sanctuary, 7:15 pm Lauda Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30 pm <b>Thur</b> Quilts for Comfort, F.ship Hall, 9:30 am Red Clay Artists, Rm. 206, 1:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm	<b>January 28</b> Emmanuel Dining Room <b>February 13</b> Tuesdays Together, 12:00 pm <b>February 15</b> R.O.M.E.O.'s Luncheon <b>February 17</b> Phix-It Corp., Rm. 206, 8:30 am  <b>Events</b> <b>February 5</b> Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast <b>February 11</b> Adult Education "Lent: The Season of Luminous Darkness", 9:30 am <b>February 14</b> Ash Wednesday Services, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm <b>February 18</b> "Spread the Love" Lunch and "All Saints" Movie Showing <b>April 1</b> Easter Services, 8:00 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Please send prayer concerns to <a href="mailto:office@rccpc.org">office@rccpc.org</a> . Please keep us updated with your loved one's well-being. Friends and family will be kept on the printed prayer list for two months.

## SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Nursery Care** is provided in Love nursery during worship for newborn to age 3. Before the service, children up to age 3 can be taken directly to the nursery (room 305). Childcare is provided from 8:30–11:30 am.

### Adult Education Hour, 9:30 am

- Adult Forum with Hank Smithies, Room 201

### Confirmation Class, 10:00 am

All 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in confirmation class in the Tunnel. If you are a parent of a potential student or have any questions, please contact Bill Sharp at 215-275-8725 or [billsharp@siemens.com](mailto:billsharp@siemens.com).

### Sunday School Information

During the 10:30 service the children will be dismissed from worship during the Children's Moment and proceed to the following classrooms:

Ages 2-3	Room 305 (Nursery)
Ages 4-5-K	Room 302
Grades 1-2	Room 303
Grades 3-4	Room 206
Grades 5-7	Room 202
Grades 10-12	Room 112 Youth Service

### Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

An active program exists featuring fellowship, service, spiritual growth and fun! To learn about up-to-date details on activities, contact Fred Crowley at 302-994-4700 or [fjc@crowleywealthmanagement.com](mailto:fjc@crowleywealthmanagement.com).

Join us for **Fellowship Time** in Founders Hall following the worship services for juice, coffee, snacks, and fellowship. To get to Founders Hall, exit the door at the front of sanctuary, turn left and then follow the hallway.

**Restrooms** are located on all three floors of the building: out the side door near the pulpit (then a 2<sup>nd</sup> left); the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by the Fellowship Hall; in the classroom hallway; on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the hallway; and in Founders Hall.

A **Stephen Minister** is available in the Crossan Lounge following the Sunday morning worship services to speak or pray with you confidentially about any personal concern. To learn more about Stephen Ministry or to request a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the pastors or call one of our Stephen Ministry Coordinators: Suzanne Courter-Jann, 302-530-3468 or Leslie Gast, 302-239-2006.

**Pastoral Care** To be visited in the hospital, notify the hospital of your association with Red Clay. To be added to the prayer list, contact the pastor, Rev. Emily Schwenker, at [pastor@rccpc.org](mailto:pastor@rccpc.org) or the church at [office@rccpc.org](mailto:office@rccpc.org).

**Homebound Communion** is delivered three times per year (just before Easter, World Communion, and Christmas). If you or someone you know should receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 302-998-0434 or [office@rccpc.org](mailto:office@rccpc.org). If you are interested in joining the serving team, please contact Sue Anderson at 302-368-0359 or [suang@mac.com](mailto:suang@mac.com).