



Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | April 8, 2018 | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Transitional Pastor for Pastoral Care:
Rev. Emily Schwenker
Director of Music: Jeffrey Miller
Music Ministry: Lauda (8:30 am)
Chancel Choir (10:30 am)
Lay Readers:
Suzanne Courter-Jann (8:30 am)
Marcia Kelly (10:30 am)
Usher Captain: Ray Krout
Greeters: Bill & Gail Eden (8:30 am)
RCCPC Youth (10:30 am)

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 in honor of Elizabeth Munson, and in memory of Elizabeth Rada, her granddaughter, both born on April 13 from her loving family.

**Ever-present God,
may I see today
the largeness of your love
in even the smallest part of creation.
May I be ravished
by the traces of your beauty
in earth and sky.
May I experience
the eternity of your grace
pulsing within each moment.**

—Sam Hamilton Poore, Earth Gospel



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 MINUTE FOR MISSION

(at the 10:30 am service)

Annual 5K Event

Nancy James

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of Easter:

People: **The celebration of resurrection,**

Leader: The festival of hope

People: **The promise of new beginnings,**

Leader: The dance of faith,

People: **The song of joy,**

Leader: The music of gladness,

People: **The hymn of love.**

All: **Let us worship our life-giving God!**

THE HYMN*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing | HYMN 267

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

God of all goodness and grace, in the rending of the Temple veil, you put an end to all that separates us from you. In everything we see and touch, in everyone we meet, the mystery of your presence surrounds us. Yet, our sight has been blinded by the temptations of the world. Our touch has been dulled by our own desire to acquire and possess. And in our striving to achieve and be recognized, we have missed meeting you in one another. Forgive us, merciful God, and set us free to see you in all of creation, and serve you as agents of your reconciling love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen.

(A time of silent confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Leader: Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

THE RESPONSE*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | HYMN 610

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(at the 10:30 am service)

The Sacrament of Baptism

(at the 10:30 am service)

Gwendolyn Mae Sedita,

daughter of Van and Brooke Worrell Sedita

Reidan Daxrell Keen,

son of Ronald and Chelsea Worrell Keen

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry | (vs. 1)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER WATER & THE BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry | (vs. 2)

Proclaiming the Word

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 27:45-51

THE SERMON

We See What We Look For

Rev. Emily Schwenker

Responding to the Word

THE HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower | HYMN 250

THE PERMISSION

2018 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip—October 7-13, 2018: Repairing Homes, Transforming Lives

ASP offers transformational volunteer opportunities for YOU! More than 17,000 volunteers from around the country served in rural Central Appalachia last year, repairing homes for low-income families. More than just a building program, ASP can change your life, too—through their eyes, you'll see yourself as the person you've always wanted to be. Compassionate. Committed. With the power to make a difference. **Registration deadline is May 1, 2018.** Please contact Mim Krout at m.krout@icloud.com or visit <http://www.rccpc.org/asp>.

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take this time to fill out the connection cards. If first time visitors provide us with your address, we can send you a midweek treat!

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Doxology | HYMN 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and, above all, the presence of the living Christ among us. By your Spirit, who lives and moves within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives that all that we are and all that we do might bear witness to the resurrection of Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE GRACIOUS INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTORS)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome at God's table. Gluten Free wafers are available in the silver cup & a separate chalice is available.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving god, we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviors presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve in Christ

THE HYMN*

Christ Is Alive! | HYMN 246

THE BENEDICTION*

Please join us in Founders Hall for fellowship and refreshments following the worship service!

CALENDAR

<p>Weekly</p> <p>Sun Worship, 8:30/10:30 am Adult Forum, Room 201, 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Youth Group, 10:30 am</p> <p>Mon Faith, Hope & Love Quilters, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am Bible Study, Crossan Lounge, 9:45 am Personnel Comm. Mtg., Rm. 107, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tues Craft Group, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am IPNC Comm. Mtg., Rm. 107, 4:30 pm Deacon Mtg., Rm. 202/204, 7:00 pm Home Comm. Mtg., Rm. 206, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Wed Bible Study, off-site, 7:00 am Women's Bible Study, Library, 12:00 pm IPNC Comm. Mtg., Rm. 107, 4:30 pm Wellness Comm. Mtg., Rm. 206, 6:30 pm Bell Choir/Lauda Rehearsal, 7:15/7:30 pm</p> <p>Thur Red Clay Artists, Rm. 206, 1:00 pm Transition Team Mtg., Rm. 107, 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Superv., Rm. 206, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Thur Friendship House Mtg. Rm. 301, 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Fri Family Night Social Event, Founders Hall, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Monthly</p> <p>April 10 Tuesdays Together, 12:00 pm April 19 R.O.M.E.O.'s Luncheon April 21 Phix-It Corp., Rm. 206, 8:30 am</p> <p>Events</p> <p>April 8 Wellness Event: Advanced Directives, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am April 8 Noonday Concert with Ben Andrews April 13 Family Social Night, Founders Hall, 6:30-8:30 pm April 15 Guest Speaker Sarah J. Woodward, 9:30 am April 28 Quilters/Crafters Garage Sale, Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am-1:00 pm April 29 PerMission Sunday Mission Fair May 5 RCCPC 5K for Mission</p>	<p>Not on our email list yet? Please email office@rccpc.org to join the list or contribute to the calendar.</p> <p>Please send prayer concerns to office@rccpc.org. 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.</p>
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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

- For all 8th & 9th grade students, Tunnel

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: 302-994-4700 or

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 2nd left); the 2nd floor by the Fellowship Hall; in the classroom hallway; on the 1st 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 or the church at 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. If you are interested in joining the serving team, please contact Sue Anderson at 302-368-0359 or suang@mac.com.