



Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | December 9, 2018 | 10:30 am

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton
& Rev. Emily Schwenker

Director of Music: Jeffrey Miller

Director of Christian Education:
Shelley Haines

Music Ministry: Lauda

Lay Reader: Marcia Kelly

Usher Captain: Bob Kissell

Greeters: Karen Caldas,
John & Leslie Gast

Media Production:

Jay Armstrong, Keith Barton,
Ken James and Al Leonhard

Nursery Caregivers:

Judy Lozier and Leigh Sann

The flowers in the chancel today
are given for the Glory of God, by
Ellen Hinrichs.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS

are available in the narthex area.

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning and hope that you experience God's Spirit through worship and the fellowship of this community. At Red Clay our vision focuses on four pillars: belonging, nurturing, reaching and rejoicing. Our prayer is that you will experience the delight of belonging together as we rejoice together in God's love.

Our child-care room is located just around the corner from the sanctuary (room 305). Please exit to the left of the pulpit, pass through the next door, and room 305 will be just a few steps away. Ask for Judy or Leigh, for children up to 4 years old.

Early in the service, Pre-K (age 4+) through 5th grade will come forward for the Children's Moment, followed by dismissal to Sunday school. If this is your first Sunday attending, please walk with your child to Sunday school (Pre-K & Kindergarten: room 303; 1st-5th grade: room 202) so you can meet the teacher and feel comfortable! Feel free to stay a few minutes and see what fun and learning is in store for your child.

Middle school (6th-8th grade) students meet in room 114 in the Tunnel. When the younger children leave after Children's Moment, please exit with them and go directly to your classroom.

If we have never met, please introduce yourself! We hope you will join us in Founders Hall for fellowship following today's service. To get to Founders Hall, exit the sanctuary via the door near the pulpit and follow the hallway to the end; or, exit through the doors at the back of the church and the Founders Hall entrance will be on your right before you get to the parking lot.

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, or if you have specific pastoral needs, please feel free to contact us!

Grace and Peace,

Randy
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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

Please fill out the Friendship Pad located at one end of every pew and pass it to your neighbor.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you prepare for today's worship, please join us in silent reflection and prayer as you meditate on the words below.

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”

—Fred Rogers

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”

—Jimi Hendrix

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is coming to the temple.

People: **We watch and wait for his coming.**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Carry the Light *Twila Paris*

(congregation joins in singing the chorus)

Carry the Light, carry the Light.
Go and tell the children
they are precious in His sight.
Carry the Light, carry the Light.
Go and preach the gospel
'til there is no more night.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
carry the Light.

Leader: In this world of darkness, we light
this candle of peace as we wait.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

THE HYMN *

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates HYMN 93

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets
and we have not listened.**

**We have not always determined what is best
or made way for your reign in our lives,
our church, and our society.**

**Forgive us, we pray,
and renew your covenant within us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(A time of silent confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *

THE RESPONSE *

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children PreK-5th grade are invited to come forward. At the conclusion, they will be dismissed to Sunday School, along with youth in 6-8th grades.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

Infant Redeemer

*Please stand if you are able. The congregation is invited to read aloud text in **bold print**.

Proclaiming the Word

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Wilderness Words

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton

Responding to the Word

THE HYMN

While We are Waiting Come

HYMN 92

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

(excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's
new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

Christmas Canon

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

As With Gladness Men of Old HYMN 150, vs. 3
As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

God of all righteousness,
receive these gifts of gratitude,
the offering of our lives.
Purify them with your refining fire
so that they may serve your purposes
and shine with your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve in Christ

THE HYMN*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYMN 82

THE BENEDICTION*



PLEASE...

Join us in Founder's Hall following today's service for:

- * *Coffee & Fellowship!*
- * *Sign-Ups for the Advent Dinner (12/14);*
- * *Sign-Ups to bring goodies for the Inter-Generational Fun event (12/16) and Christmas Eve (12/24);*
- * *Sign-Ups for the new Pictorial Directory (2019)!*
- * *Faith, Hope & Love Quilters' gift items!*

Weekly Calendar

- Sun. Worship, 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Adult Education Forum, Rm. 201, 9:30 am
Sunday School & Youth Group, 10:30 am
Noonday Concert, Sanctuary, 12:00 pm
Cornerstone Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm
Software Team Meeting, Rm. 107, 7:00 pm
- Mon. Faith, Hope & Love Quilters, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am
Bible Study, Crossan Lounge, 9:45 am
Centering Prayer, Sanctuary, 7:00 pm
- Tues. Centering Prayer, Sanctuary, 8:00 am
Home Committee Meeting, Rm. 206, 7:00 pm
- Wed. Ladies Noon Nurture Group, Library, 12:00 pm
Wellness Committee Meeting, Rm. 206, 6:30 pm
Personnel Committee Meeting, Rm. 107, 7:00 pm
Reach Committee Meeting, Rm. 202, 7:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. Stephen Ministry Peer Support, Library, 6:30 pm
Finance Committee Meeting, Rm. 107, 7:00 pm
Friendship House Meeting, Rm. 202/204, 7:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 218, 7:30 pm

Monthly Events

- Dec. 11 Tuesdays Together
Dec. 15 Phix-It Corp., Rm. 206,
8:30 am
Dec. 20 R.O.M.E.O.'s
Luncheon
Dec. 28 Emmanuel Dining Room,
8:30 am

Special Events

- Dec. 16 Wellness Event, 9:30am
Dec. 16 Ornament Decorating,
11:30 am
Dec. 16 Cornerstone Worship,
6:00 pm
Dec. 23 Lessons & Carols
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services:
5:00, 8:00 & 11:00 pm
Dec. 30 Worship service, 10:30 am

SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** may be placed in the offering plate or handed directly to a pastor at the end of service.
- A **STEPHEN MINISTER** is available in the Crossan Lounge following worship service to speak or pray with you confidentially about any personal concern.
- To visit the **RESTROOMS** nearest the sanctuary, exit out the side door near the pulpit, turn left and proceed down the hallway (the doors will be on your right).
- Not on our **EMAIL** list yet? Please email the Church office (office@rccpc.org).
- To be added to the **PRAYER LIST**, contact the pastor at prayers@rccpc.org or the Church office. Please keep us updated with concerns and seek permission before adding someone's name to the list. Names remain on the list for one month, after which time a name may be resubmitted.
- For **PASTORAL CARE**, contact Rev. Randy (randy@rccpc.org) or Rev. Emily (emily@rccpc.org). To be visited in the hospital, please call the Church office (302-998-0434).
- **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION** is delivered three times during the year. To request home-bound communion, please contact the Church office.

