



Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | December 16, 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: Bell Choir

Lay Reader: Meg Aument

Usher Captain: Dan Ayars

Greeter: Karen Beare

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 in memory of John & Lucille Goyne and Philip Darren Gross, from Ellen Michael and Nancy Evans.

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

"Don't cry because it's over,
smile because it happened."

—Dr. Seuss

"There is not one blade of grass, there is no
color in this world that is not intended to
make us rejoice."

—John Calvin

"A Christian should be an Alleluia
from head to foot."

—St. Augustine of Hippo

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;

People: **I will trust and will not be afraid,**

Leader: for the Lord God is my strength
and my might;

People: **God has become my salvation.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord

People: **for God has done gloriously.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: **for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me HYMN 71

(refrain only, sing twice)

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold

and my sure defense,

and God will be my Savior.

Leader: As we wait and prepare for the
coming of the Lord, we light this
candle as a symbol of the joy we
have now and the joy we know
awaits us in God's kingdom.

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

THE HYMN*

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary HYMN 98

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that
we need repentance. We have broken your
commands against idolatry. We do not live
in peace with your creation or your people.
We have not trusted your word, and are
afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our
shame into praise, for the sake of the One
who proclaims the good news and for the
sake of all the world.

(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.*

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

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

The Little Drummer Boy

Proclaiming the Word

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

THE HYMN*

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

HYMN 128

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:7-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Joy Potential

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton

Responding to the Word

THE HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

HYMN 96

(to alternate tune)

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

A Christmas Lullaby

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*

Gracious God, in gratitude for all you have given us, we joyfully bring our tithes, our offerings and our lives and ask that these may help feed a world hungry for healing, hope, and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve in Christ

THE HYMN*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

HYMN 132

THE BENEDICTION*

Weekly Calendar

- Sun. Worship, 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Adult Education Forum, Rm. 201, 9:30 am
Sunday School, 10:30 am
Prayer Team Meeting, Library, 11:45 am
Confirmation Class, Rm. 206, 4:30 pm
Cornerstone Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall:
Rehearsal, 4:00 pm; Dinner (optional), 5:30 pm;
Worship, 6:00 pm
- Mon. Bible Study, Crossan Lounge, 9:45 am
Centering Prayer, Sanctuary, 7:00 pm
- Tues. Centering Prayer, Sanctuary, 8:00 am
Sarah Circle, off-site at D. Behling's home, 9:30 am
Women's Proverbs Study, Library, 10:00 am
Session Meeting, Rm. 202/204, 7:00 pm
- Wed. Ladies Noon Nurture Group, Library, 12:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. Quilts for Comfort, Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am
Lauda & Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 218, 7:30 pm



Monthly Events

- Dec. 28 Emmanuel Dining Room,
8:30 am
- Jan. 8 Tuesdays Together
- Jan. 17 R.O.M.E.O.'s Luncheon
- Jan. 19 Phix-It Corp., Rm. 206,
8:30 am

Special Events

- Dec. 16 Wellness Event: "Personal
Safety—It's the Mindset/
Part 2", Fellowship Hall,
9:30 am
- Dec. 16 Inter-generational
Christmas Fun, Founder's
Hall, 11:30 am
- 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.

