



*We are Disciples of Christ,  
a movement for wholeness  
in a fragmented world.*

**Gayton Road Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Ministers: Every Believer  
Pastor: Jonathan Kruschwitz**

*February 4, 2018  
Epiphany IV*



*As part of the one body of  
Christ, we welcome all to  
the Lord's Table as God  
has welcomed us.*

*Please use the Narthex for conversation, gathering and visiting,  
so that the Sanctuary may be used for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

**GATHERING**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 147:1-11, 20<sup>c</sup>; Mark 1:29-39)

The God who names the stars,  
**The Christ who bears our scars;**  
The Lord who makes the grass to grow,  
**The Christ who lifts us when we are low—**

Is here today.  
**Takes our hand today.**  
Eats with us today.  
**Calls to us today.**

How good it is!  
**How grateful we are! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 23**

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 1:29-39)

**Intimate Christ,  
Who enters our homes  
And touches our illness:  
Lift us up from the fevers  
That isolate us  
From calling and community;  
Go with us  
To dark and lonely places  
Where we can learn again  
Who we are called to be;  
Through Jesus Christ, the healer of creation. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

“Those Who Wait Upon the Lord”

Gary Hallquist

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20<sup>c</sup>

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

“What Did Jesus Heal?”

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 529 “I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

I’M SO GLAD

*During this song, all are welcome to come forward to become members of Gayton Road Christian Church by transfer of membership or baptism.*

*Deacons gather in the back of the sanctuary to prepare for the offering.*

OFFERING INVITATION

(Mark 1:29-39)

OFFERTORY

“Offertory”

Cesar Franck

\*DOXOLOGY 46

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*OFFERING BLESSING

(Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39)

**Mysterious Spirit of refreshment,  
Whose storm uproots the powerful  
But whose breath renews the weary:  
Catch hold of our gifts and our lives.  
Transform them into your outstretched hand,  
Touching and lifting  
The disconnected and desperate  
To community and calling.  
In the name of the world’s steadfast nurse, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION

(Mark 1:29-39)

Lord, you hurried to the side of the hurting.

Christ, you welcomed the needs of others.

Lord, you sought rest and time alone with God.

**Sometimes we sideline the hurting.**

**Sometimes we displace our responsibility onto others.**

**Sometimes we cannot let go and abide with God.**

*In the silence we name the people whom we marginalize in thought and/or deed.*

*In the silence we name the inconvenient needs of others that lay claim to us and we refuse to address.*

*In the silence we name the concerns and distractions that keep us too self-occupied.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### COMMUNION HYMN 391

“These I Lay Down”

LAYING DOWN

*(Elders and Deacons gather in the back of the Sanctuary to prepare to serve)*

*Communion is celebrated each Sunday. As a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation, we practice an open table where all are invited to the table. There is no barrier that prevents participation in the Lord’s Supper. Please come forward to take communion. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. The communion bread is gluten free.*

### PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 458

“Ours the Journey”

OURS THE JOURNEY

#### \*BENEDICTION

That each ill  
Be released from you,  
And each sorrow  
Be shed from you,  
And each pain  
Be made comfort for you,  
And each wound  
Be made whole in you;

That joy will  
Arise in you,  
And strength will  
Take hold of you,  
And hope will  
Take wing for you,  
And all be made well.

#### POSTLUDE

“Festival Toccata”

Rex Koury

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#### \*Please stand if able.

As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence phones. Bibles (electronic or book) are most welcome!

Acknowledgments: Call to Worship loosely adapted from Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2009), ebook loc. 342; Benediction © Jan Richardson: “And All Be Made Well,” [paint-prayerbook.com/2015/02/01/epiphany-5-that-all-be-made-well/](http://paint-prayerbook.com/2015/02/01/epiphany-5-that-all-be-made-well/), accessed January 29, 2018.

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Pastor .....Jonathan Kruschwitz  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Intern ..... Emily Croxford  
 Lay Leader ..... Amanda Carlton  
 Elders ..... Amanda Carlton & Debbie Cook  
 Deacons ..... Chris Carlton, Carol Malla,  
 ..... Holly McGinnis, & Alyssa McGinnis  
 Children’s Message ..... Amanda Carlton  
 Acolytes ..... Garrett and Corinne Carlton  
 Nursery ..... Darrah Davis & John Ennis

**Welcome to Worship:** *Whether you are a member, friend or visiting with us today, may God bless you during worship this morning. You ARE welcome and we’re very blessed that you are worshipping with us today!*

**Communion** is celebrated each Sunday.

**GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Offering Envelopes:** Beginning in 2018, we will no longer be distributing boxes of offering envelopes to members and friends. Instead, we will have a container of offering envelopes in the narthex for common use. If you plan to give cash and desire records of your giving, please be sure to place your offering in an envelope and to write your name on the outside.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our Lenten journey. Lent is a time of lack, loss, and letting go. It is a time when we learn our limits, but also the limitless love of God. In Lent, we stop grasping after the gifts of creation—many of which we have misused—and instead we embrace the Giver.

On Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, we begin the Lenten journey together. There will be a **pancake dinner at 6 pm** and a **service at 7 pm**.

**Safety Presentation:** Would you know what to do in the event of an intruder at GRCC? Please plan to attend an important presentation and learn how to respond to such an emergency. On **February 7, 6:00 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall, Officer Zach Gallatin of the Henrico County Police Department will share with us an active shooter presentation. This presentation is not geared for children, although many of our children may already have age-appropriate training in school. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Cook.

**Sunday Morning Lenten Study:** “Explore the meaning of Lent, its importance in spiritual formation, its significance in the preparation of Easter, and the holy season of Easter itself.” Join us this year as we rediscover the meaning of Lent. **Each Sunday morning during Lent at 9:45 am (February 18-April 1)**, we will gather for a time of shared study and exploration, led by Jonathan and based on the book *God for Us* (eds. Greg Pennoyer and Gregory Wolfe). This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to share together our Lenten journey, which “is not about becoming lost in feelings of brokenness, but about cleansing the palate so that we can taste life more fully.” (Speaking of “taste”: coffee and pastries will accompany each gathering. Participants who would like to gather for a moment of refreshment and fellowship are invited to arrive around 9:30 am.)

**A Common Table:** If there’s one thing Jesus enjoyed—and was particularly good at—it was eating together! We happen to like it too. :) Please join us at the table every third Wednesday of the month for a hearty meal. This year, our Common Table gets a reboot. We will occasionally welcome an “outside voice”—someone from the community who will share with us a perspective perhaps different than our own. After all, if the Bible is any indication, we often encounter God in the stranger. Come, then, for an adventure of food, friendship, and faith! We meet next **on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 pm**. Our special guest this next gathering will be Carolina Velez, who will be sharing about the experiences of undocumented immigrants.

**Pastor’s Class:** During Lent, Jonathan will meet with anyone thinking about baptism. If you or your child is interested in this class and the possibility of an Easter baptism, please let Jonathan know.

**From Outreach:** February will be a month of Compassion! Outreach will collect for this special offering. To kick off the season of Lent, Sunday, February 11th is Bring a Friend/Stranger to church! **The church continues to collect** used eyeglasses to help children learn and parents maintain their jobs; tab tops from dink cans, soup cans, & cat/dog food cans, etc. to support Ronald McDonald house; box tops found on cereal boxes, soup cans, Kleenex, etc. to support our educational system. The collection boxes are in our narthex.

**Amazon Smile:** GRCC has enrolled in a fundraiser through Amazon called Amazon Smile. Purchases that you make with the Amazon Smile logo will raise funds for our church.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1241622>

The above link will take you to a special Amazon page, and when you shop, Amazon will donate money to our church.

This year’s **Week of Compassion Offering** will be received on Sundays, February 18 and 25.

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20<sup>c</sup>

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11 am  
Prayer Gathering @ 5 pm  
Elders Meeting (after worship)

## THIS WEEK

2/6 Symphony Manor Gathering @ 10:30 am  
2/7 Safety Presentation @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
2/10 Youth Game Night @ 6-8 pm

## COMING UP

2/11 Fasnachts Delivery to Shut-ins (after worship)  
Choir Rehearsal @ 2-4 pm  
2/13 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm  
2/14 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Pancake Dinner @ 6 pm  
Ash Wednesday Special Service @ 7 pm  
2/17 Yard Sale Work Day  
2/18 Week of Compassion Offering  
Board Meeting (after worship)  
2/21 Common Table @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm  
2/25 Week of Compassion Offering  
2/27 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm  
2/28 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

**Our GRCC family:** Mary Harris, Jim Harris, Dolores Cadet, Ankie Moore, Julie Round, Ivan Round, Pat Carter, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Leslie Hess, Marion Paitsel, Jonda Taylor, Gracie Tingle, and Lu Roberts.

**Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis:** Jim Harris; Stuart Wilkinson; Anna Lee Werner; Marion Stinnett; June & Bubba Galbraith; Marion Paitsel.

### Friends of GRCC:

Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell

Dana Doupe', a family friend of Debbie Cook.

Family of Tara Harrell, first cousin once removed of Susan Campbell

Bruce and Carol Sharp, parents of Julie Round

Ziya and Billy Cagatay, friends of John Schuler

The Keel Family, esp. Hunter, friends of June & Bubba Galbraith

Ima Tart, friends of June Galbraith

Bart Martorell, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith

Charlie Davis, brother-in-law of Cinda Caiella

Chris Atkinson, cousin of Carol Malla

John Treaster, neighbor of Marc Wingo

Velma Huggins, grandmother of Emily Croxford

Trina Soto and Bo Casillas, friends of Candice Nguyen

David French, cousin of Cinda Caiella

Nikki Caiella, niece of Cinda Caiella

Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman

Devon Schuler, nephew of John Schuler

Jean Cook, aunt of Debbie Cook

Family and Friends of Jim Tomasello, friend of Jeff and Rebecca Wilber

Helen Payne, aunt of Peggy Wingo

John Long, uncle of Peggy Wingo

Cherie Holberg, friend of Daniela Larew

Giannini Family, friends of Seth Spivey

Kathy Ely, friend of Amanda Carlton

Bev Price and Family, friends of Debbie Cook

Becky Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook

Frank and Mary Alice Hancock, friends of Jonda Taylor

Dot Janutolo, sister of Betty Taylor

Ken Arno, brother-in-law of Peggy Wingo

**Mae Stancliffe**, aunt of Julie Round

**Donald Mason**, uncle of Julie Round

**Bruce and Carol Sharpe**, parents of Julie Round

*During the month of **February**, please be in prayer for these Mission Personnel of the Global Ministries for our church.*

Feb 4-10: Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper, South Africa

Feb 11-17: Lauren Robinson, Philippines

Feb 18-24: Joshua J. Busick, Dominican Republic

Feb 25– Mar 3: Joanines Adorno-Diaz, India

*For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)*

*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **February** for the coming of God's Kingdom in metropolitan Richmond.*

*For the week of February 4, 2018: We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. Fill us with your compassion for our natural environment. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.*

*([www.metroprayrva.org](http://www.metroprayrva.org))*

**We extend our deepest sympathies to Larry Taylor and his family upon the passing of his dear mother Betty Taylor.**

**Please keep Larry and his family in your heart and prayers.**

**\*People listed in bold added this week. (Please email or call the church with updates.)**

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**GAYTON ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*“Where everybody is welcome”*

Gayton Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a family of friendly, accepting, God-centered people. With our come-as-you-are attitude and non-judgmental philosophy, we believe we are called to love and care for one another and share the Good News of God’s love and grace with the community through our words and actions.