



*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 11, 2018
Transfiguration Sunday*



*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.

*"It is essential that everything internal become external and be made visible.
A dream wants to be told, the 'inner light' wants to shine, the vision has to be shared."*

- Dorothee Soelle

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Bruce Greer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9)

In the wilderness, a bush burned before Moses.

For God has said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

On a high mountain, Jesus shone before the disciples.

For God has said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

In our own lives, we have seen glimmers of glory.

For God has said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

Let us gather in the glow of these holy moments.

Let us take their light with us.

For Jesus will lead us down the mountain,

Where the way is sometimes dark,

Where the way is sometimes difficult—

Where there is an even greater glory to be revealed. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 95**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 9:2-9)

Wondrous God,

Whose glory hides in the humdrum

Before it flashes bright before our eyes:

Inspire us with trust and courage

To descend from the mountain;

To walk from the light into the dark,

Knowing that you are with us,

Waiting to shine through us.

In the name of our light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM "You Are the Christ" Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG) HAAS

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9

SERMON "Mountaintop Moments"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 97 "Fairest Lord Jesus" ST. ELIZABETH

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 (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

OFFERTORY "Andante" John Stanley

*DOXOLOGY 528 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

*OFFERING BLESSING (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

**Hidden God,
Whose appearance reveals
The beauty behind all creation:
Bless these gifts and our lives,
That they might uncover
The goodness of life
In the least likely of places.
In the name of the incognito Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND CRY TO GOD

Loving God,
your people long for a sign
that you have not forgotten
them:

Merciful God,
your people are parched
from the heat of their own
sin:

Life-giving God, your people
grow cold as the world's
grief takes its toll on them:

**Shine among us!
Fill our lives
with your zestful glory!**

**Flow among us!
Flood our lives with your
grace and mercy!**

**Blaze among us!
Set our hearts on fire with
hope and compassion!**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

In Christ, God makes peace within us. **Let us claim it.**

In Christ, God makes peace among us. **Let us share it.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 393 “One Bread, One Body” ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

(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. The bread and the cup are taken in unison; hold each in your hands until you are signaled to partake. This communion bread is gluten free.

You are invited to bless the bread and the cup for your neighbor. As you pass the element, you may say, “The body of Christ, broken for you,” and, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN (INSERT) “Jesus, the Light of the World”

ELDERKIN

We gather in a circle around the sanctuary and share the light of Christ as a reminder that we all have encountered the light of Christ in our lives, and that we all carry that light with us.

*BENEDICTION

**May the light of God beyond,
Christ beside,
And Spirit within,
Lead us down the mountain
And into our every day. Amen.**

*Please stand if able.

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

Acknowledgments: Confession and Cry to God adapted from David Sickelka, “Call to Worship,” p. 47 in *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship* (eds. Maren C. Tirabassi and Maria I. Tirabassi; Cleveland: Pilgrim, 2007); Peace from Elizabeth Lovett Grover, *A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season* (West Conshohocken, PA: Infinity, 2013), pp. 47-48.

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader	David Koerner
Elders	Nancy Patterson & Cinda Caiella
Deacons	Holly McGinnis, Ivan Round, Barbara Chapman, & Becky Ennis
Children's Message	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Acolytes	Nancy Patterson & Carl Schluter
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!*

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

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.

Fasting Invitation: Fasting has long been a religious tradition, a way to align our body with our spirit. You might call it “body talk.” It is a way for our body to join our spirit in responding to a grievous sacred moment or realization. John Schuler invites all who are interested to join him in two shared fasts during the upcoming Lenten season, from Saturday evening to Sunday evening on **February 24-25** and **March 17-18**. Sharing these fasts would be an opportunity to respond—spiritually and bodily—to shared concerns. If you have interest in sharing the fast, please contact John. Additionally, if you have prayer requests that you would like shared with the fasting group, please pass these on to John. There are plans to break both fasts after Sunday evening's prayer gathering.

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

Psalm 147:1-11, 20°

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
Fasnachts Delivery to Shut-ins (after worship)
Choir Rehearsal @ 2-4 pm
Prayer Gathering @ 5 pm

THIS WEEK

2/13 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm
2/14 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Pancake Dinner @ 6 pm
Ash Wednesday Special Service @ 7 pm
NO Choir Rehearsal
2/17 Yard Sale Work Day

COMING UP

2/18 Week of Compassion Offering
Sunday Morning Lenten Study Begins @ 9:45 am
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
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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

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
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
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
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: Joaines Adorno-Diaz, India

For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit 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 11, 2018: We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in metropolitan Richmond: for healthy economic development, which enhances the metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

(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.