



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



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

*March 5, 2017  
First Sunday of Lent*

*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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Michael Larkin

*Let us enter into a time of preparation for worship.*

*During this time, you are invited to come forward to receive a Lenten anointing on your wrists,  
symbolizing the cross we share with Christ and the powerful love of God made perfect in our weakness.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Matthew 4:1-11)

Into the wilderness—

**Where we know our need,**

Into the wilderness—

**Where we know our limits,**

Into the wilderness—

**Where we know our incomprehension,**

Into the wilderness—

**Where God hears our cry,**

Into the wilderness—

**Where weakness reveals love,**

Into the wilderness—

**Where the lost are found,**

Into the wilderness—

**Let us go together. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 592**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PENTECOST

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Matthew 4:1-11)

**Spirit of the desert,**

**You drove Jesus**

**To the edge of the world**

**To find his truth and calling:**

**Scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,**

**That freed from empty clinging**

**We might find ourselves in you.**

**Through Jesus Christ, lord of the wilderness: Amen.**

ANTHEM "O Remember Not" Jonathan Battishill

SCRIPTURE Psalm 32

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Teresa Campbell

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Lost & Found: One Way to Understand Jesus in the Wilderness" Judy Richardson

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 627 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" SOJOURNER

*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 Alexa McFarlane

OFFERTORY "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. John Carter

\*DOXOLOGY 46 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*OFFERING BLESSING

**Gracious God,  
Whose gift of love  
Liberates us  
From sin and death:  
Join these gifts  
And our lives  
With your love,  
That others may share  
Life with us. Amen.**

CONFESSION: LENTEN REPENTANCE Nancy Patterson

*This week we repent as a church from **self-righteousness**: our own self-righteousness and our response to others'.*

*Consider how you might repent during the week: prayerfully confronting your own self-righteousness, making a commitment to a small daily action, fasting, journaling, silence, or something else.*

Lord, in the wilderness,  
you relied not upon yourself  
but upon God.

Christ, in the wilderness,  
you had no need  
to prove yourself.

Lord, in the wilderness,  
you rejected the way  
of power.

**When we are certain  
of ourselves:**

**When we seek life  
in the false promise of success:**

**When we seek to control  
and dominate others:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ finds us in the wilderness.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Carl Schluter

### COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

*(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

### \*BENEDICTION

**May the wilderness  
Lead us to God,  
Shape us like Christ,  
And stir the Spirit within—  
We go now in faith  
To love and serve our Lord. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. John Carter

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### \*Please stand if able.

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

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
Lay Leader ..... Anna McFarlane  
Elders ..... Amanda Carlton & Carl Schluter  
Deacons ..... Anna McFarlane, Teresa Campbell,  
..... Becky Ennis, & Tatum McFarlane  
Acolytes ..... Audrey and Sarah Schuler  
Nursery ..... Darrah Davis

**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 worshiping with us today!*

**Communion** is celebrated each Sunday.

**GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**30TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Save This Date:** On **March 19, 2017**, GRCC will celebrate 30 years of our charter, with special features in the service and fellowship (and food) to follow. "In His Name We Serve Together"

**"Did you know":** In 2013, our pastor Rev. Debbie Carlton concluded her ministry at GRCC.

The **GRCC 30 Year Anniversary Celebration** continues after worship in the Fellowship Hall with a **Potluck Luncheon**. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes to share. A ham and cake will be provided.

**Lenten Study Groups:** Beginning **this week**, and meeting weekly throughout the season of Lent, we will have small groups gathering for study, reflection, and fellowship. See the sign-up sheets in the narthex to learn more about the different groups.

**Spring Yard Sale:** The next yard sale, and a major fund raiser for GRCC, is May 20. Please mark your calendars and begin collecting donations. Ask your friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors for donations. We can provide a receipt for tax purposes. More details later.

**From Outreach:** Please keep bringing your Box Tops to church! Keep praying this month as Candice Nguyen brings us our "Metro Richmond at Prayer"; it's for everyone. Don't forget our GRCC prayer needs and missionaries out in the field.

**Property Day** is March 18 at 9 am. Please join us as we help clean and spruce up the church, inside and out!

**Bon Air Christian Church** is hosting a seminar on internet/technology safety on March 14 beginning at 5:30 pm. For more info, please see the event flier.



**Fresh Eggs:** Hello church family, if you would like to buy eggs the proceeds will still go to the Hospitality fund. Please make your checks out to GRCC and make a notation in the memo line that it is for Hospitality and drop the check in the offering or you can still put cash in the envelope on the refrigerator. Thanks for your support! Faye Clements.



**A Common Table:** On the third Wednesday of every month, all are invited to gather for a light meal and a brief worshipful activity in the Fellowship Hall. The gathering is centered on the Table as a sacred meeting space where we discover God and each other. It will also be casual and visitor-friendly: any worshipful activity will remain short and optional. The next meeting will be March 15, at 6 pm. A volunteer sheet for meal providers (remember, light and simple!) and worship ideas is in the Narthex.

**D.D.'s Bears:** On March 25, from 10 am to 12 noon, we will share stuffed animals, prayers, and God's love with hospital patients at St. Mary's Hospital. Please join us for this adventure of blessing! If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Campbell.

**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. A special savings account has been opened to receive these funds, so start shopping! Please spread the word by sharing this link with your friends and relatives. See how many supporters outside the church you can get to sign up!

**From Where I Sit:** Faith is an experience. As a community of faith, we share our faith experiences to encourage and inspire each other, and to learn about the ways that God is moving among our community and our world. We invite you to write and share an experience of your own, however great or small. Please send any entries to [grccdoc@verizon.net](mailto:grccdoc@verizon.net). These will be shared with the church through email.

**Beach Retreat:** Those interested in joining the beach retreat should contact John Schuler with weeks available in the summer and any questions. The idea was discussed in the January 15 board meeting and is aimed at being a way for congregants to connect spiritually.

**The choir would like to thank everyone for their most generous support last week at the Spaghetti Luncheon!**

### **Today's Lectionary Scripture**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## **TODAY**

Children's Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Adult Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 11 am

Elders Meeting (after worship)

Beginning Week of Lenten Study Groups

## **THIS WEEK**

3/7

Lenten Study Group at Virginia Taylor's @ 10:30 am

Girl Scouts @ 4 pm

Lenten Study Group at John Schuler's @ 7 pm

3/8

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

3/12

Visioning Team Meeting (after worship)

Choir Rehearsal @ 4 pm

3/15

Common Table @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

3/18

Property Day @ 9am-12n

3/19

GRCC 30 Year Anniversary Celebration

3/21

Girl Scouts @ 4 pm

3/22

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

3/25

D.D.'s Bears Delivery @ 10 am-12n

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

**Our GRCC family:** GRCC, Leslie Hess, Julie Round, Ankie Moore, Stuart Wilkinson, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Jim Harris and family, Diann Borden.

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

### Friends of GRCC:

James Getts, friend of Tom Nguyen.

Dana Doupe', a family friend of Debbie Cook.

Michael Yanak, nephew of Diann & Jeremy Borden.

Leesa Wilcher, mother of Chrissy Walters.

Sharon Nicholas, co-worker of Jeremy Borden.

Charles & Nancy McCarry, friends of Jeremy & Diann Borden

The Gresham Family, esp. Christopher Jr. and the Upson Family, friends of John Schuler.

Cherie, friend of the Larew family.

Ima Tart, friends of June Galbraith.

Bart Martorell, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith.

George Condyles, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith.

Hunter Keel, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith.

Jill Bowersett and Family, friends of Debbie Cook

Ziya and Billy Cagatay, friends of John Schuler

Sidney Round, father of Ivan Round

Wendy Newton, friend of the Larew family

Jim Bovay, uncle of Carl Schluter

Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell

Bob Steele, uncle of Amanda Carlton

Doug and Joan Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden

Leroy Grant, coworker of Jeremy Borden

Sharon Nicholas, friend of Jeremy Borden

Valerie and Nathan McCarry and family, family of Jeremy and Diann Borden

Cynthia Stratton and family, pastor of Bon Air Christian Church

The Meredith family, family of Peggy Wingo

Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman

Anna Noland, mother of Faye Clements

Lily Mae Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round

Rita Zucker, friend of Debbie Cook

Jerry Webb, former, longtime member

Audrey Vaughan, mother of Marion Paitzel's son-in-law

Jeff Price, friend of Debbie Cook

Sally Redfern, friend of Barbara Chapman

**John Pearson, father of Debbie Derr**

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

Mar. 5-11: Don Westra, Honduras

Mar. 12-18: Kahala Cannon, South Korea

Mar. 19-25: Teresa Henry, India

Mar. 26-Apr. 1: Monica Liddle, East Timor

*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 March for health care in metropolitan Richmond.*

*For the week of March 5, 2017: We pray for persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.*

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

**\*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.