



*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**



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

*June 18, 2017
Ordinary Time: Proper 6*

*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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Dan Miller

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

*“In the span of just one chapter in Luke, God is described as a shepherd searching for his lost sheep, a woman looking in every nook and cranny for her lost coin, and a father eagerly waiting to throw a party for his lost son.
(Tripp Fuller)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7; Matthew 9:35-10:23)

Who would have ever said—

That the penniless would carry the greatest gift?

Who would have ever said—

That the sheep would transform a world of wolves?

Who would have ever said—

That God would be humbled for the undeserving?

Who would have ever said—

That life would come from death?

Come, let us share the good news—let us laugh with joy!

And everyone who hears will laugh with us! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 618**

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7)

Faithful God,

Who persists with us

Despite our doubts:

Like Sarah and Abraham,

We laugh with wonder

At the surprise of new life

That you deliver,

Even among those whose faith

Is old and barren.

May your laughter echo today in our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Allen Pote,
Amanda Carlton, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:5-10:8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

SERMON

"A Tale of Two Laughs"

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 86** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*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

OFFERTORY

"Andante"

Friedrich Reissiger

***DOXOLOGY 46**

"Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

***OFFERING BLESSING**

**Lord who knows tears and laughter,
Sorrow and great joy:
Stage our gifts and our lives
Amid the need and hurt of our world,
So that those who weep
Might be blessed with laughter
And the love of life. Amen.**

CONFESSION

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

Hear the good news according to Paul: “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 411 “For the Bread, Which You Have Broken” AGAPE

(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 431** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

**May God share our laughter,
Christ share our tears,
And Spirit share our journey of faith,
Until all the world shares
The life and love of God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Foundation”

Wilbur Held

***Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Confession from *The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and Resources for Worship* (ed. Kathy Galloway; Wild Goose: Glasgow, 1996), ebook loc. 1510-1519.

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor Jonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music Jack Fox
 Intern Emily Croxford
 Lay Leader Ivan Round
 Elders Amanda Carlton & Larry Taylor
 Deacons Debbie Cook, Anna McFarlane,
 Teresa Campbell, & Becky Ennis
 Acolytes Gracie Tingle & Debbie Cook
 Children’s Message Jonathan Kruschwitz
 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!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations to the Graduates!

Gayton Road celebrates especially **Olivia Gad**, who has graduated from medical school. She moved this past week to Delaware, where she will begin a hospital residency.

Congratulations also to friends and family:

Virginia Taylor’s grandson Grayson Royal graduated from college at James Madison.

Gracie Tingle’s grandnephew Bennett Hayes graduated from Collegiate and will attend W&M.

Andi Platea’s daughter Sarah graduated from Godwin.

Congratulations also to these milestones: Vašik and Alex have graduated to high school.

Hunter, Radek, and Sydney have graduated to middle school.

Summer Hours: We are now on our **summer schedule**. Worship begins at **10 am**.



Eyeglasses Outreach: Give your used glasses a second life for someone else and bring them to church, a place of second lives! A box to receive glasses will be in the narthex.

Small Groups: The risen Christ lives in community. We encounter Christ in others, and others encounter Christ in us. Small groups are one way that the church hosts this transformative, life-giving encounter. Beginning in July, several small groups will meet weekly in homes and at church for fellowship and Bible study focused around the lectionary scripture (the primary scripture for worship). Please see the signup sheet in the narthex for dates, times, and places.



Potluck Luncheon: On June 25, following our called Congregational Meeting, we will have a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. Burgers and hot dogs! Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for a time of fun and friendship. Also, grillers are needed! Please let Teresa know if you’d be willing to help grill.

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 **this Wednesday, June 21 at 6 pm**. A volunteer sheet for meal providers (remember, light and simple!) and worship ideas is in the Narthex.

Hymn Sing: Our familiar Hymn Sing returns this summer on the fourth Sunday, beginning this month. Please submit your hymn requests in the fishbowl in the Narthex. The hymns will be selected before the service; we will sing them at the beginning of worship in place of the prelude.

Sunday Bulletin and Sermon: A summer reminder for folks traveling: our worship service and sermon can be found online at our church website, www.grccdoc.org.

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!

Today's Lectionary Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:23

TODAY

Father's Day

Bring an Acquaintance Sunday

Worship @ 10 am

THIS WEEK

6/21

Common Table @ 6 pm

6/23

Outreach and Evangelism Movie Night @ 6:30-9:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

6/25

Called Congregational Meeting (after Worship)

Potluck Luncheon (after Congregational Meeting)



D.D. Bears



FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE During the month of June, a board of hearts will be placed in the Narthex and GRCC members and guests are invited to write the names of their fathers, grandfathers, husbands, brothers, uncles or anyone who has been a father figure in their lives. Members and guests may also make a donation of a new teddy bear or a monetary donation in honor or memory of their loved ones. The bears are distributed to patients, mainly pediatric, at St Mary's Hospital and to anyone who is having a difficult time and needs to know someone cares. A card that says God loves the recipient and that someone is praying for them and holding them close to their hearts accompanies each bear. For those who make donations or have made donations earlier in the year, there are cards on the Narthex table to place in the Father's Day Cards of those you honor or to let other family members know you have made a donation in memory of your loved ones. D.D.'s Bears was started on December 22, 2002 in memory of David Daniel Taylor (known as D.D. by his family). He was the husband of Betty Taylor and the father of Larry and Dan Taylor. After retiring in 1987, he and Betty moved to Richmond and became active members of Gayton Road. David served as an elder for many years. In December of 1999, David was diagnosed with cancer and while a patient at Henrico Doctors Hospital, received a God Loves You Bear from the Youth of River Road Methodist Church. David was so touched by this gesture that he wanted to start a similar program at Gayton Road. Unfortunately, he died on March 27, 2000. Because David Taylor loved God and cared deeply for others, his family felt this was an appropriate way to honor his memory and spread the message of God's Love to others. Over 1500 bears have been distributed by this church and by programs set up by other family members. In the past, D.D.'s Bears has also given bears to the residents of the Memory Unit at the Masonic Home, gifts to church shut ins, Angel Tree gifts, hats and mittens to the Henrico Christmas Mother, donation to the Autism Society of Virginia's 5K walk/run, personal items and bears to nursing home residents, donations to Camp Comfort Zone, school clothes to children in need, gift cards for the Thanksgiving Basket, donations to Vacation Bible School, and phone cards to soldiers serving in Iraq.

A basket will be in the Narthex to collect the bears. Checks made out to GRCC with memo line D.D.'s Bears may be placed in the collection plate through the month of June. Thank you for helping GRCC leave a Heart Print of God's Love on our community.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: GRCC, Leslie Hess, Julie Round, Ankie Moore, Stuart Wilkinson, Pat Carter, Diann Borden, Jim Harris, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Stuart Wilkinson, Hunter Croxford, Ben Croxford, and Marion Paitsel.

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

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.

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.

The Keel Family, esp. Hunter, friends 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

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

Anna Noland, mother of Faye Clements

Jerry Webb, former, longtime member

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

John Pearson, father of Debbie Derr

Ken Arno, brother-in-law of Peggy Wingo

John Locks, member of Colonial Place Christian Church

Mary Park McLean, niece of Pat Carter

Sarah Mateyka and family, friends of Chris Carlton

Jack Sturdevant, friend of John Schuler

Trisha Thurman, friend of John Schuler

Lillie Mae Slaven and family, grandmother of Julie Round

Tom McElroy, friend of Diann Borden
Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell
Elijah Wilson, student of Kathy Habib

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

June 4-10: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo

June 11-17: Maryjane Westra, Honduras

June 18-24: Bethany Waggoner, Chile

June 25-July 1: Lindley Kinerk, Sri Lanka

For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit www.globalministries.org

*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **June** for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of June 18, 2017: We pray for chaplains, ministries to jails and prisons, half-way houses, work-release and after-care programs.

(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.