



**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.*

*August 13, 2017
Ordinary Time: Proper 14*

*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Smith/Hustad
Carol Malla, Piano

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

*“If Reuben had only known [what] the Holy One...would write of him...
he would have picked Joseph up on his shoulders and carried him back to his father.”*

- Midrash

*During the prelude, you are invited to come forward and write a word of blessing to share with the
Bordens—perhaps a memory, a thought of gratitude, or a hope for the future.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Matthew 14:13-21)

Come, let us call together on God. Let us pray, “Help!”

The Lord is Lord of all, the weary and the rested, the faithful and the faithless.

The Lord is generous to all who call.

Come, let us show our gratitude and celebrate the gifts of God. Let us pray, “Thanks!”

The love of God lifts us out of fear.

The love of God gives us heart amid despair.

Come, let us make true the word of God. Let our words and deeds proclaim: “Wow!”

The way of Christ gives flesh to faith.

The way of Christ brings the dead to life.

Come, Christ meets us today—

In word. With each other. At the table. Hallelujah! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 66**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Matthew 14:22-33)

Lord of living waters,

Who saves us from the flood

Of fear and despair:

Reach out to us

When faith is weak,

When we are going under,

And make us unafraid

To walk with you;

Through Jesus Christ, in whom we are raised. Amen.

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Arr. Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

SERMON "Why Reuben Doubted"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "You Are Mine" (See Insert)

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.

ORDINATION OF ELDER Cinda Caiella

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Allegretto" Matthew Camidge

*DOXOLOGY 528 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

*OFFERING BLESSING (Matthew 14:22-33)

**Courageous Christ,
Who walks among
The wind and waves of life:
Bless these gifts and our lives,
That they might reach boldly
Into the storm
With help.
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Matthew 14:22-33)

Lord, you took time alone
to pray.

Christ, you walked in faith
through the storms of life.

Lord, you reached out
to people who were sinking.

When we do not:

When we do not:

When we do not:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

(Matthew 14:22-33)

May the peace of Christ bring salvation in the tempest.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 518 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” NEW BEGINNINGS

(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 534** “When Our Confidence Is Shaken” LAUDA ANIMA

BLESSING A DEPARTURE Rev. Diann and Jeremy Borden

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter

*BENEDICTION

**May God renew us in quiet times,
Christ rescue us in the storm,
And Spirit release us from ourselves—
And may the kingdom of God
Be always our way and our end. Amen.**

POSTLUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Healey Willan

***Please stand if able.**

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

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern.....	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader	Jeremy Borden
Elders	Amanda Carlton & Nancy Patterson
Deacons.....	Barbara Chapman, Ivan Round, Carol Malla, & Susan Campbell
Acolytes.....	Amanda Carlton & Garrett Carlton
Children’s Message	Diann Borden
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

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

Children and Youth Sunday School begins on September 10, 2017. We will have two classes for our children (K-5) and youth (6-12) this year. We are looking for volunteers for teachers of these two groups. Thank you to those who have already volunteered! If you are interested, please contact Anna McFarlane.



Worship News: Just a quick reminder that sign-up sheets are on the Narthex bulletin board for Lay Leaders, Acolytes, Children’s Sermon Leaders, and Youth in Worship Volunteers. Thanks to all who regularly participate in our worship service in these roles. If you would like to sign up and have never done this before, all of the materials will be provided for you as Lay Leader and Youth in Worship Volunteers. For Children’s Sermons, we can provide ideas if you need some direction. If you are interested in being part of the Worship Team please see Carol Malla to get plugged in. There are many things to do ranging from weekly responsibilities to occasional events. Thank you and see you in Worship!

Back-to-School Supplies: Join us this month as we give school supplies to local children and schools in need! Please see the list of needed items in the narthex.

Caritas Signup: On September 23-29, St. Matthews UMC will be hosting a Caritas group. Join us as we offer them our support! Signups sheets are in the narthex.

Symphony Manor Memory Care Ministry: Join us as we sing, pray, and share the joy of the Lord's Table with memory care residents at Symphony Manor (just across the street). We will gather with them at Symphony Manor at 10:30 am on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning **September 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex breezeway if you'd like to join one or more of our gatherings.



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.

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.

Regional Search and Call: The Search & Call Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia has set up a survey to help establish a regional profile. This will assist them in their search for a new regional minister. Please fill out the survey, either online (<https://tinyurl.com/It78d2f>) or by hand (copies in the narthex; please pass on to Jonathan).

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.

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. These will be shared with the church through email.

Today's Lectionary Scripture

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45^b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship @ 10 am
Send-off Reception (after worship)

COMING UP

8/20 Board Meeting (after Worship)
Yard Sale Preparation Begins
8/26 Last Day for Back-to-School Donations
Lions Club Eyeglasses Recycling @ 8 am–5 pm
9/3 Elders Meeting (after worship)
9/5 Symphony Manor Memory Care Worship @ 10:30 am
9/6 Choir Rehearsal Returns @ 7:00 pm
9/9 Yard Sale @ 8 am-12 n

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Tom and Candice Nguyen, Mary Harris, **Jim Harris, Julie Round.**

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; Marion Paitsel.

Friends of GRCC:

Ken Arno, brother-in-law of Peggy Wingo
Carol Vick, mother of Carrie Wingo
Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell
Dana Doupe', a family friend of Debbie Cook.
Amanda & Luke Giannini, friends of Seth Spivey
Family of Tara Harrell, first cousin once removed of Susan Campbell
Mary Park McLean, niece of Pat Carter
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Overman, neighbors of Marion Elder
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

We share our deepest sympathy with Debbie Derr and her family. Her father, John Pearson, 92, passed away last Saturday. Please keep Debbie, Darrah, and their family in your prayers.

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

Aug 6-12: Martha Mensendiek, Japan
Aug 13-19: Olga Yan-Pardo, Ecuador
Aug 20-26: Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala
Aug 27-Sep 2: Leah Dewey, Thailand

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **August** for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of August 13, 2017: We pray for financial institutions, healthy and constructive investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

(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.