



**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 4, 2018  
Third 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.*

**GATHERING**

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

*“We are not so much convicted by [the Ten Commandments] as we are to be transformed by them....  
[They] are meant to be a whole new way of going about life.” (Joan Chittister)*

**PRELUDE**

“Aria”

Flor Peeters

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22)

In a world hard at work,

**Today we rest.**

In a world that sees dollar signs,

**We see people.**

In a world run by greed,

**We gather in gratitude.**

To the world, this is foolishness and weakness—

**To us, it is life!**

Come! For there is more life still,

**More tables to be overturned.**

Come! For the cross is still ahead:

**The power and wisdom of God. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 618**

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(John 2:13-22)

**Unruly Christ,**

**Overturning the tables**

**Of calculated religion**

**And pious profiteering;**

**Direct us through the debris**

**Of our selfish plans**

**To find your dangerous heart**

**And our world upside down;**

**Through Jesus Christ, our exiled Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Seek the Lord" John Carter

SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE AND LENTEN LITURGY Exodus 20:1-17

*After each of the Ten Commandments is read, the congregation is invited to respond by saying:  
"Lord, have mercy."*

SERMON "Turning the World Right-Side Up"

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 572 "Take Time to Be Holy" HOLINESS

*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 (John 2:13-22)

OFFERTORY "Voluntary in g Minor" Nicolas Lebeque

\*DOXOLOGY 46 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*OFFERING BLESSING (John 2:13-22)

**Devoted Christ,  
Who cares for the needful  
And cries out against  
The powers exploiting them:  
Draw our gifts and our lives  
Into your topsy-turvy grace,  
Which makes the first last  
And the last first  
And gathers us all  
Around your banquet table.  
Amen.**

## THE PEACE

(1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

The cross is foolishness and weakness to the world, but to us who have been reconciled with God and one another, it is the mark of peace.

The peace of Christ be 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. 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 565** “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” WER NUR DEN  
LIEBEN GOTT

## \*BENEDICTION

Where we are weak but willing—**May the love of God empower us.**  
Where we are strong and self-serving—**May the love of Christ disarm us.**  
To where we do not yet know—**May the love of the Spirit lead us.**  
We go now—**To love and serve the Lord in others. Amen.**

**Postlude** “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light” J. S. Bach

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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: Opening Prayer adapted from Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2009), ebook loc. 362.

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Pastor .....	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern .....	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader .....	Debbie Cook
Elders .....	Debbie Cook & Teresa Campbell
Deacons .....	Alyssa McGinnis, Carl Schluter, ..... Holly McGinnis, & Barbara Chapman
Children’s Message .....	David Koerner
Acolytes .....	Gracie Tingle and Barbara Chapman
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**

**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.)

**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 another fast this Lenten season, from Saturday evening to Sunday evening on **March 17-18**. If you have interest in sharing the fast, please contact John. There are plans to break the fast after Sunday evening’s prayer gathering.

**Yard Sale News:** At the February Board Meeting, it was reported that the yard sales contributed \$2899 in fiscal year 2017-2018. This is a significant source of funds for our church. To give this some perspective, the yard sale proceeds for this year are equal to a little more than two mortgage payments!

To make the Spring Yard Sale a success, donations are still needed. Please price the items you are donating—using your best judgment—for the amount. Stickers are available in the Fellowship Hall. No need to price clothes, books, CDs, or movies.

In addition, volunteers are needed for the last two work days and the day of the yard sale itself. Older youth are welcome!

**Easter Lilies and Shamrocks**—Worship and Outreach are teaming up! For the month of March, you may purchase an Easter Lily to adorn our sanctuary on April 1 and/or purchase a Shamrock which represents a donation to sponsor Campers of all ages at Craig Springs. Both are \$10.00. You may do this “In Memory” or “In Honor” of someone. Please fill out a form in the Narthex and make your checks payable to GRCC. Please indicate in the memo line what you wish to donate. For ordering purposes, **March 18** will be the last day to order Easter Lilies. Please see Teresa Campbell or Carol Malla if you have any questions.

**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.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunt**—Donations requested for this year’s Egg Hunt, and volunteers for Palm Sunday Breakfast! Please donate individually wrapped candy to the cause by **March 18**. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer a dish for the Palm Sunday Breakfast.

All are invited to gather for breakfast on Palm Sunday (**March 25**) at 9:00 am. The Egg Hunt will take place following the breakfast.

**District VII Variety Show**—On Saturday, **April 21**, 12:00-2:00 pm, at Battery Park Christian Church, there will be a district variety show which will raise funds to support locals efforts to aid victims of human trafficking. More details forthcoming.

**Craig Springs Summer Camp**: Registration has opened for 2018 Summer Camp at our Region’s beloved Craig Springs. Please see information packets in the narthex. (More information on the individual camps is available at [www.craigsprings.com/camp-program/](http://www.craigsprings.com/camp-program/)) If you have interest or questions in any camp, please let Jonathan know.

**Prayer List**: Please note as of **today**, the prayer list has been cleared. If there are any requests that have disappeared that you would like returned to the list, please email Jonathan.

**Office Hours**: Jonathan will be out of office for spiritual retreat this Wednesday and Thursday (Mar 7-8).

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Children & Youth Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Lenten Study Begins @ 9:45 am  
Elders Meeting (after worship)  
Prayer Gathering @ 5 pm

## THIS WEEK

3/6 Symphony Manor: Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am  
3/7 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
3/10 Yard Sale Work Day @ 10 am–2pm

## COMING UP

3/13 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm  
3/14 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
3/17 Yard Sale @ 8 am–1 pm (arrive at 7:45 am; pack up from 1-2 pm)  
Shared Fasting (from 3/17 evening to 3/18 evening)  
3/18 Board Meeting (after worship)  
Final Day for Egg Hunt Candy Donations and Lily/Shamrock purchases  
3/21 Common Table @ 6 pm  
Choir @ 7:15 pm  
3/24 Virginia State Young People of AA Gathering—Sanctuary, 2-6 pm  
3/25 Palm Sunday  
Breakfast @ 9 am  
Egg Hunt (after Breakfast)  
3/27 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm  
3/28 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
3/29 Maundy Thursday Special Service @ 7 pm  
3/30 Good Friday—Shared Prayer (wherever you are)

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

**Our GRCC family:** Mary Harris, Ankie Moore, Marion Paitsel, Bubba Galbraith, **Carl Schluter**, 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; and Marion Paitsel.

**Friends of GRCC:**

Chris Atkinson, cousin of Carol Malla  
Mae Stancliffe, aunt of Julie Round  
Donald Mason, uncle of Julie Round  
Bruce and Carol Sharpe, parents of Julie Round  
Amy Penland, cousin of Susan Campbell  
Kelly Harris, friend of Amanda Carlton  
Barbara Burns, friend of Amanda Carlton  
Jeff Price, friend of Debbie Cook  
Cuppett Family, family friends of Debbie Cook  
**Cherie Holberg**, friend of Daniela Larew

**We extend our deepest sympathy to Emily Croxford and her family on the passing of her grandmother, Velma Huggans.**

**Please keep Emily and her family in your heart and prayers.**

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

Mar 4-10: Karen Campbell Nelson, Indonesia

Mar 11-17: Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala

Mar 18-24: Monica Liddie, East Timor

Mar 25-31: Victor Makari, Israel/Palestine

*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 4, 2018: We pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: 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.)**

The Taylor family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Church and all of our Church family for the love extended to us at the passing of Betty Taylor. The outpouring of condolences and many hugs sustained us during this time. A special thank you to Jonathan and Jack for the wonderful service to honor our mother's memory and to all those who prepared and served the delicious meal for everyone after the entombment. We have known that Gayton Road is a special place, full of special people and you continue to prove it by spreading the love of Jesus Christ wherever it is needed.

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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.