



**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.*

*April 8, 2018  
Easter II*

*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.*

*“When we begin to believe that there is greater joy in working with and for others,  
rather than just for ourselves, then our society will truly become a place of celebration.”*

*- Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche*

**PRELUDE**

“Prelude on ‘King’s Lynn’”

Charles Callahan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2)

We declare the good news—not a doctrine, but an experience:

**What we have heard,**

What we have seen,

**What we have touched—**

We declare the life that never ends!

**We proclaim the risen Christ!**

So that the fellowship of life may grow,

**So that our joy may be complete.**

For how very good and pleasant it is,

**When life is shared together in unity. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 218**

“Thine Is the Glory”

MACCABEUS

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(John 20:19-31)

**Alpha and Omega,**

**Our beginning and our end,**

**You break through the locks**

**Of gated communities**

**And hardened hearts:**

**Accept our doubts,**

**Heal our desire for certainty,**

**And by your Spirit’s gentle touch,**

**Make us a people**

**Forgiven and forgiving;**

**Through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.**

**Amen.**

ANTHEM "Now the Green Blade Riseth" John Carter

SCRIPTURE Psalm 133

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 518 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS

*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 (Acts 4:32-35)

OFFERTORY "Hymn of Promise" John Ferguson

\*DOXOLOGY (INSERT) "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*OFFERING BLESSING (John 20:19-31)

**Inspiring Christ,  
Breathe your Spirit  
Of peace and forgiveness  
On these humble gifts  
And on our broken lives,  
That they might  
Touch the need of the world,  
Not with our own power  
But with the gentle power of your love. Amen.**

CONFESSION (John 20:19-31)

Lord, you ask for faith and trust. Christ, your love is stronger than death. Lord, you send us into the world with forgiveness.

**When we demand  
certainty and control:**

**When we live from fear  
instead of hope:**

**When we close our open  
hands into fists:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1 John 1:1-2:2)

## THE PEACE

(John 20:19-31)

Hear the first words that the risen Christ spoke to his disciples: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Christ gives us his peace, that we might share it.

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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**COMMUNION HYMN 400** “When you Do This, Remember Me”

LORETTO

*(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 226**

“He Lives!”

ACKLEY

**\*BENEDICTION**

(John 20:19-31)

May God draw us into community,  
Christ send us out into the world,  
And Spirit inspire us with peace and forgiveness.

**We go now as Christ has sent us,  
To love and serve others. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

“Christ Is Alive”

Wilbur Held

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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:**

Preacher ..... Reverend Diann Borden  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Intern ..... Emily Croxford  
 Lay Leader ..... Ivan Round  
 Elders ..... Debbie Cook & Cinda Caiella  
 Deacons ..... Becky Ennis, Barbara Chapman,  
 ..... Ivan Round, & Julie Round  
 Children’s Message .....  
 Acolytes .....  
 Nursery .....Darrah Davis & Victoria Platea

**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!*

**A Special Welcome** to Rev. Diann Borden, who returns this Sunday to lead us in worship!

**Communion** is celebrated each Sunday.

**GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**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, **April 18** at 6 pm, when we will welcome special guests from **L’Arche Metro Richmond**. L’Arche is a global community of faith that celebrates the gifts of persons with intellectual disability—gifts of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship.

**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. All churches are invited to share a couple “acts/talents” for the show, which will feature music, laughter, and more! In addition to the show, there will be lunch (“Make Your Own Sandwich”) and activities for folks to get to know each other.

**From Outreach and Evangelism:** Thanks to the GRCC congregation, the goal of 18 Shamrocks at \$10 a piece was met for the regional church camp, Craig Springs! Way to go! Thank you for your loving hearts and luck in Christ!

The month of April is a time for Spring Cleaning so be on the lookout for some special Outreach ideas coming your way.

**An all-church showing of the movie “Wonder”** will take place on **Saturday, April 21**, at 3 pm followed up with a light repast, tbd! (This event follows after the District Talent Show on that date.)

**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.

**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.

**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.

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11 am

## THIS WEEK

4/10 Girl Scouts @ 4:30 pm  
4/11 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

## COMING UP

4/15 Board Meeting (after worship)  
4/18 Common Table @ 6 pm (Special Guests: L'Arche Metro Richmond)  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm  
4/21 District VII Variety Show @ 12 —2 pm (at Battery Park Christian Church)  
All-Church Showing of "Wonder" @ 3 pm  
4/24 Girl Scouts @ 4:30 pm  
4/25 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

**Our GRCC family:** Tom and Candice Nguyen, Mary Harris, Ankie Moore, Marion Paitsel, Bubba Galbraith, Carl Schluter, Jim Harris, and Leslie Hess.

**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  
Charlie Davis, brother-in-law of Cinda Caiella  
Anne Mansini, mother of Leslie Hess  
**Anna Noland, mother of Faye Clements**

**We extend our deepest sympathy to Ivan and Julie Round and their family on the passing of Ivan's father, Sidney Round.**

**Please keep Ivan, Julie, and their family in your heart and prayers.**

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

Apr. 1-7: Mark Behle, Lesotho  
Apr. 8-14: Chimiste Doriscar, Haiti  
Apr. 15-21: Bruce Van Voorhis  
Apr. 22-28: Elena Huegel, Mexico  
Apr. 29-May 5: Ha-un Priscilla Yang, Hungary

*For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)*

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*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **April** for the Spirit of the resurrection in metropolitan Richmond.*

*For the week of April 8, 2018: We pray for the Spirit of resurrection: to remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.*

*([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.