



*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**

*January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord Sunday*



*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.

*“God utters me like a partial thought of himself.” “To be a saint means to be myself.”
(Thomas Merton, 1915-1968)*

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Turn us around, God—

(Left) **Around into your way of seeing,**
(Right) **Around into your way of caring.**

Turn us around, God—

(Left) **Baptize our worry in your faithfulness,**
(Right) **Baptize our fears in your love.**

Turn us around, God—

(Left) **From what was**
(Right) **To what is to come, in Christ. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN 356** “We, Your People, God, Confessing”

IN BABILONE

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Luke 3:15-17, 21-11)

**Lord whose water
Reaches into the desert,
You search our depths
And call us by name:
May your dovelike Spirit
Fill us with your favor
And the fire of your love,
Which transforms all things
Into good.
In Jesus Christ, the gift of peace.
Amen.**

ANTHEM "Shine on Me" Rollo Dillworth

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON "It Begins with Love"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 614

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

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 (Isaiah 43:1-7)

OFFERTORY "Offertory in a Minor" Samuel Wesley

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNSERFREUN

*OFFERING BLESSING (Psalm 29)

**Holy God,
Whose glory fills creation
With growth and possibility—
Fill our gifts
And our lives
With your caring Spirit,
And through them give strength
To your people,
Wherever there is need.
In Christ, whose love brings life. Amen.**

CONFESSION (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Lord, whose water quenches our thirst— Christ, whose love transforms us— Lord, whose time is always near—

When we seek fulfillment in sources that do not satisfy:

When we harden our hearts:

When we defer responding to your call:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Isaiah 43:1-7)

THE PEACE

(3:15-17, 21-22)

In God's love, we know the dovelike peace of the Christ.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 392 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UNION SEMINARY

(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 110** "You Servants of God" HANOVER

***BENEDICTION** (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

**May the peace of the Spirit,
The transformation of Christ,
And the love of God—**

**Make us more truly ourselves
And draw us more fully into the world. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Fanfare Fugue" J. S. Bach

***Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Call to Worship adapted from Ruth Burgess, "Turn Us Around," ebook loc. 5687 in *Hay and Stardust* (ed. Ruth Burgess; Glasgow: Wild Goose, 2005); Opening Prayer from Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2009), ebook loc. 462.

Scheduled to serve today:

PreacherJonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Intern Emily Croxford
 Children’s Message Teresa Campbell
 Lay LeaderNancy Patterson
 Elders Teresa Campbell & Carl Schluter
 DeaconsAlexa McFarlane, Radek Larew,
Kathy Habib, and Alex 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 worshipping with us today!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

Bites, Brews, and Big Questions: If Jesus went missing, where would you look for him? According to the gospels, tables with food and drink and questions would be a good place to start. Join us this **January** as our gatherings resume around tables with food, drink, and questions. We will meet next on **Monday, January 14** at Rico’s Mexican Grill on 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy at **6 pm** (same mall as Publix Market, at the far right end).

In this BBQ installment, we will discuss a recurring question from our summer series: Just what is God’s job description? As a guide for our conversation, we will be using James Bryan Smith’s *The Good and Beautiful God*.

Chili Cook-Off: Hear ye, hear ye! The date has been set for the GRCC semi-annual Chili Cook-off! It’s January 20 at 12:15 pm, following church!

Use your favorite recipe or favorite can of chili! All can enter. Votes will be placed via pennies, nickels, dimes, or quarters, but not paper money. :)

If you can’t make chili, feel free to bring your favorite topping or side, like grated cheese, sour cream, diced onions, crackers, or corn bread.

Drink (lots of water) and dessert will be provided.

Invite your friends and family to enter too! All are welcome to the table.

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship on **January 27**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **January's** babies! This birthday-theme Linger Longer will happen the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

Picture-Your-Pet Wall 2019: We are all God's creatures, humans and pets alike! This **January**, anyone whose last name begins with A-B is invited to share their pet pictures with Teresa. These will then be shared on a display in the Fellowship Hall! (Anyone whose last name begins with C, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in February!)

The West End Community Forum: On Saturday, **February 16**, at 6 pm, Cambridge Baptist Church will be hosting an inaugural community forum. This first gathering, titled "Love Your Neighbor: Seeking Solutions to Social, Economic, and Racial Divisiveness in our Communities and Country," will feature special guest Calvin Duncan, a former professional athlete and now a community activist, and will also invite dialogue from the audience. More details forthcoming.

The church continues to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids to help children learn and parents maintain their jobs; tab tops from drink cans, soup cans, & cat/dog food cans, etc. to support Ronald McDonald house; and box tops found on cereal boxes, soup cans, Kleenex, etc. to support our educational system. The collection boxes are in our narthex.

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. As Gayton Road is a church that celebrates the diversity of the body of Christ and welcomes each voice to the congregation, 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.

Lectionary Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am

THIS WEEK

1/14 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
1/16 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

1/20 Chili Cook-Off (after Worship)
1/21 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
1/23 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
1/27 Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after Worship)
1/28 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
1/30 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
2/3 Pulpit Exchange with Springfield Christian Church
(Guest Preacher: Rev. Moses Joshua)
2/5 Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2/16 West End Community Forum @ 6 pm (Cambridge Baptist Church)
3/16 Yard Sale: Donation Drop-Off Begins
4/6 Yard Sale

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mollie Caiella, Stuart Wilkinson, Ivan and Julie Round, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Marion Paitzel, Ben Croxford, and Jeff Wilber.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: Jim Harris, Stuart Wilkinson, Anna Lee Werner, June & Bubba Galbraith, and Marion Paitzel.

Friends of GRCC:

Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round
Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round
Joan & Doug Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden
Valerie McCarry, sister of Jeremy Borden
Don Campbell, father of Cliff Campbell
Keel Family (esp. Hunter), friends of June and Bubba Galbraith
Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman
The Allen Family, friends of Barbara Chapman
Ken and Liz Carpenter and family, friends of Anne Waring
Linda Albimino, sister of Debbie Cook
Dale Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook
Elizabeth Reich, sister of Kathy Moran
Amanda Stiverson, family of Debbie Cook
Kathleen McGinnis, mother of Rob McGinnis
Barbara Pietschman and family, friends of the Wingo family
Sandy Row, friend of the Wingo family
Family of Cherie Holberg, friends of Daniela Larew
Lillian Stewart, aunt of Debbie Cook
Bernadette McCabe, friend of Carl Schluter
Don, friend of Amanda Carlton
Jerry Galbreath, brother-in-law of Virginia Taylor
Drudy Carlton, sister of Paul Carlton
Doug Cramer, friend of Jeff Wilber
Gene Thompson, friend of Lu Roberts
Terri Kenner, daughter of June and Bubba Galbraith
David Ninesling, step-brother of Jeff Wilber
Nancy Arno, sister of Peggy Wingo

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

Jan 6: Cara McKinney, Mexico
Jan 13: Kearstin Bailey, Greece
Jan 20: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo
Jan 27: Rosalind Gnatt, Germany

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this January**, we pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of January 13, 2019: We pray for to experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

(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.