



*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**

*November 4, 2018
All Saints 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.

*During the prelude, you are invited to come forward, light a candle, and place it in the container
provided, in memory of a friend or loved one who has passed away.*

*The large candle is lit in remembrance of victims of hate and religious violence,
including the community of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.*

PRELUDE

“Fantasy on ‘Holy Manna’”

Howard Helvey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the life of Jesus,
In the lives of the saints—
Christ before us.

In the goodness of creation,
In the face of another—
Christ beside us.

In our faith,
In our love—
Christ within us.

In the redemption of all things,
In resurrection and life—
Christ after us.

Christ in all,
And all in Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 701**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Dear Christ,
All that is life
Bears the mark
Of your love.
Inspire us today with your story.
As it became the story of the saints,
So may it become our story too.
Amen.**

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

“The Song Everlasting”

Joseph M. Martin

Introduction

“The Wondrous Story”

“Songs of the Wayfarer”

“Come, Unto Me”

“Journey of Hope and Promise”

“Procession of Praise”

OFFERING BLESSING

**Humble Christ,
Whose saints
Kneel before
The world—
Lower these gifts
And our lives
Into the dirt
Of the world,
Where your love
Bears new life. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

“Song of Humility”

Joseph M. Martin

“Sacred Head, Wondrous Love”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

“Christ Is Risen”

Joseph M. Martin

“The Sure Foundation”

***CLOSING HYMN (INSERT)**“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

ZION

***BENEDICTION**

(Job 42:1-6, 10-17)

May the song of the Spirit,
The dance of Christ,
And the life of God

**Draw us—along with the saints and all creation—
Into the good and everlasting story. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude of ‘Beach Spring’”

Mark Thewes

***Please stand if able.**

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

Scheduled to serve today:

PastorJonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Intern Emily Croxford
 Elders..... Debbie Cook and Cinda Caiella
 DeaconsBill Malla, Audrey Schuler,
 Jeff Wilber, and Debbie Derr
 Acolytes Schuler Family
 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

Stewardship/Capital Campaigns: We are going in the right direction to our goal. If you have not had a chance to submit your pledge, please do so today. There are pledge slips on the table in the Narthex. Just fill it out and place in the collection plate or hand it to Nancy Patterson. Thanks for your support.

Homeless Ministry: We are currently supplying **water and Gatorade** to Rhonda Sneed's Blessing Warriors homeless ministry. Anyone who wishes to help can bring these items to the outreach area of the narthex.

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 **October** as we gather weekly around tables with food, drink, and questions. We will meet this **Monday, November 5** 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 BBBQ 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*. (If you'd like to purchase the book, you can do so *and* support GRCC at the same time! Please use this Amazon link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1241622>. Reading the book alongside the gatherings may enrich your experience, but it is not necessary.)

Disciples Thanksgiving Offering will be received on **Sundays November 11 and 18.**

This offering helps to support the work of Disciples institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples-related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education. For more, please see disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving.

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 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6^a

John 11:32-44

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship through Music: "The Song Everlasting"
Elders Meeting (after Worship)

THIS WEEK

11/5 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
11/6 Memory Care Gathering at Symphony Manor @ 10:30 am
11/7 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

11/12 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
11/14 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
11/19 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
11/26 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
11/28 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mollie Caiella, Debbie Derr, Stuart Wilkinson, Ivan and Julie Round, and Tom and Candice Nguyen.

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:

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

Cherie Holberg and Abby, friends of Daniela Larew

Ken and Liz Carpenter and family, friends of Anne Waring

Andy Hrabovsky, friend of the Wingo family

Linda Albimino, sister of Debbie Cook

Dale Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook

Elizabeth Reich, sister of Kathy Moran

Earl Estes, friend of Anna McFarlane

Amanda Stiverson, family of Debbie Cook

Kathleen McGinnis, mother of Rob McGinnis

Family of Aubrey Miller, friends of Debbie Cook

Gene and Lorette Thompson, friends of Lu Roberts

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

Nov 4-10: Michael Joseph, Colombia

Nov 11-17: Danielle Lee, Thailand

Nov 18-24: Victoria Peagler, Botswana

Nov 26-Dec 1: Maria Bakalian, Lebanon

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this November**, we pray for persons in financial need in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of November 4, 2018: We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy life possible.

(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.