



**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.*

*October 21, 2018
Ordinary Time: Proper 24*

*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 would rather die in our dread / Than climb the cross of the present / And let our illusions die."
(W. H. Auden)*

PRELUDE

"Sicilienne"

Maria-Theresia V. Paradis

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35°)

In the beginning, before time, before people,
Before the foundations of the earth were set—
God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us,
Enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven—
God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust,
And all we know has found its fulfillment—
God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not condemning it but redeeming it,
Through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit—
God was, God is, God will be. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 25**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 10:35-45)

**Suffering God,
In whose name
We seek glory for ourselves:
Cast down the idols
That serve our fear and guilt,
Our need for blame, for punishment;
Direct our angry hearts
To him who bears our wounds
Where there is no more need to fight;
Through Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Order My Steps" Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:35-45

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG) HAAS

SCRIPTURE Job 38:1-7, 34-41

SERMON "Accepting Suffering"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 651 "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
HOLY MANNA

*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 (Hebrews 5:1-10)

OFFERTORY "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light" J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 10:35-45)

**Servant Christ,
Who came not to lord it over us
But to love and redeem us—
Humble these gifts and our lives
That they might serve
The deep needs
Of this world.
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Job 38:1-7, 34-41)

Lord, your creation is a
mystery.

Christ, in you
all of creation is reconciled.

Lord, you celebrate the life
of creatures great and
small.

**When we reduce it to an
easy explanation:**

**When we as your body
resist reconciliation:**

**When we neglect the
beauty of your creation:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Hebrews 5:1-10)

THE PEACE

(Hebrews 5:1-10)

The peace of Christ is made complete through suffering.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 386 “We Come as Guests Invited”

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

(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 517** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

(Job 38:1-7, 34-41)

May the whirlwind God,
The reconciling Christ,
And the understanding Spirit—
Bless us with strength and surrender.

We go now—
**Bearing the love and new life
Of our wounded savior. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in g Minor”

Johann Adam Reinken

***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
 Lay Leader Anne Waring
 Elders Carl Schluter and Anna McFarlane
 DeaconsAlexa McFarlane, Radek Larew,
Kathy Habib, and Alex Schuler
 Acolytes Schuler Family
 Nursery Darrah Davis & Tatum McFarlane

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.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Pat Carter and the third year anniversary of her membership.



GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship/Capital Campaigns: Hopefully you have received a letter with all the information regarding this year's Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. And you have prayerfully considered your pledge to support GRCC's expenses and ministries by filling in your pledge cards. If you have not received your letter or pledges cards, please see Nancy Patterson. Thanking you in advance 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.

L'Arche Gold Chicken Players: L'Arche Metro Richmond's Gold Chicken Players present their annual variety show this year on October 27 at 2 pm at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. This year's show, *This Is Me!*, will feature over 70 performers of all abilities, singing, dancing, playing music, telling jokes, and sharing a magical evening. Tickets \$10 now (goldchickentickets.eventbrite.com), \$12 at the door.

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, October 22** 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*. (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.)

The Song Everlasting, a sacred musical composed by Joseph M. Martin will be presented by the GRCC Choir on **Sunday, November 4, 2018**. The Song Everlasting tells the story of the ministry, passion and death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the use of early American hymn tunes and texts. It will be the central portion of our worship on that day and will be accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble and piano. Invite your friends to come and experience **The Song Everlasting** with you. You'll be glad you did!!

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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35^c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am

THIS WEEK

10/22 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions Returns @ 6 pm (Rico's on John Rolfe)
10/24 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

10/27 L'Arche's Gold Chicken Players Presents *This Is Me!* @ 2 pm (Mount Vernon Baptist Church)
10/29 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
10/31 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
11/4 Worship through Music: "The Song Everlasting"
Elders Meeting (after Worship)
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
11/12 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
11/14 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, Teresa and David Campbell, 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
Joe Butler, father of Carrie Wingo
Andy Hrabovsky, friend of the Wingo family
Linda Albimino, sister of Debbie Cook
Dale Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook

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

Oct 1-6: Robert Breckenridge, Zambia
Oct 7-13: Jerri Handy, Mexico
Oct 14-20: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo
Oct 21-27: Marilyn Cooper, Ecuador
Oct 28-Nov 3: John Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia

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

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*Together with other churches in Richmond **this October**, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of October 21, 2018: We pray for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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**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.