



**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 28, 2018  
Ordinary Time: Proper 25*

*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.*

*"If only we could see these 'wounds' as the way through, as Jesus did, then they would become  
sacred wounds rather than scars to deny, disguise, or project onto others."  
(Richard Rohr)*

**PRELUDE**

"Prelude on 'O Waly, Waly'"

Raymond H. Haan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22)

Today is a day for remembering,  
For giving thanks,  
For sharing our joy.  
**For the Lord is good and redeems life.**

Today is a day for letting go,  
For keeping still,  
For praying.  
**For the Lord is good and redeems life.**

Today is a day for looking forward,  
For taking courage,  
For hoping.  
**For the Lord is good and redeems life. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 2**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 10:46-52)

**Lord of the dance,  
Who stands still  
At the sound of our cry—  
Share with us  
Your vision of life,  
Which is lower and higher  
Than any plan of our own.  
And set our feet to dancing  
On your wondrous way.  
Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "The Wondrous Story" Joseph M. Martin

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 10:46-52

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)**

**SCRIPTURE** Job 42:1-6, 10-17

**SERMON** "Life through Loss"

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 576** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

*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** (Mark 10:46-52)

**OFFERTORY** "Andante in a Minor" John Stanley

**\*DOXOLOGY 50** "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*OFFERING BLESSING** (Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22)

**God of renewal,  
Whose love is mighty to save:  
Speed these gifts  
And our lives  
To the cries of the world,  
So that we and others  
May rejoice together  
In our shared deliverance.  
Amen.**

**CONFESSION** (Mark 10:46-52)

Lord, you take time  
for interruptions.

Christ, you see  
the image of God in others.

Lord, you listen  
to the voice of others.

**When we ignore or silence  
the needful:**

**When we cannot see  
beyond their appearance:**

**When we hear selectively  
or in bad faith:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

(Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22)

**THE PEACE**

(Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22)

The peace of Christ redeems sin and suffering.

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. 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 619**

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

As you go without these walls,  
Leave here your sorrows and your cares—  
And in their stead,  
Take faith, hope, and love, for they are thine.

**We go now, trusting and hoping  
In the life and love of our Lord. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude”

Raymond H. Haan

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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:**

Pastor .....	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern .....	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader .....	Mark Clements
Elders .....	Debbie Cook and Gracie Tingle
Deacons .....	Holly McGinnis, Julie Round, ..... Garrett Carlton, and Chris Carlton
Acolytes .....	Nancy Patterson and Carl Schluter
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.

**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.

**The Song Everlasting**, a sacred musical composed by Joseph M. Martin will be presented by the GRCC Choir **next 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!!

**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 29** 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.)

**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](http://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](mailto:grccdoc@verizon.net). These will be shared with the church through email.

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11 am

## THIS WEEK

10/29 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm  
10/31 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
11/3 Choir Rehearsal @ 4 pm

## COMING UP

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, 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

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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

**Elizabeth Reich**, sister of Kathy Moran

**Earl Estes**, friend of Anna McFarlane

**Amanda Stiverson**, family of Debbie Cook

**Kathleen McGinnis**, mother of Rob McGinnis

*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](http://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 28, 2018: We pray for emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.*

*([www.metroprayrva.org](http://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.