



*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**

*March 3, 2019  
Transfiguration 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.*

*“Religion is the empty shell of the cicada. [Faith] is the cicada in flight.”  
(Rubem Alves, 1933-2014)*

**PRELUDE**

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Charles Callahan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

Believe me,  
I know how tempting it is  
To remain inside this  
blessing,  
To linger where everything  
Is dazzling, certain, and clear.

**We could build walls around  
this blessing.  
We could put a roof over it,  
We could bring a table,  
chairs.  
We could have the most  
amazing meals.  
We could stay.**

But this blessing does not stay  
still.  
This blessing is made  
For coming down the  
mountain.  
This blessing wants to get its  
feet dirty.  
This blessing is for the road  
And all we meet on its way.

**\*OPENING HYMN (Insert) “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”**

HYFRYDOL

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

**Wondrous God,  
Whose glory hides in the humdrum  
Before it flashes bright before our eyes:  
Inspire us with trust and courage  
To descend from the mountain;  
To walk from the light  
Into the dark,  
Knowing that you are with us,  
Waiting to shine through us.  
In the name of our light, Jesus Christ:  
Amen.**

ANTHEM "To Love Our God" Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE: PSALM, 751 Psalm 99:1-5, 9  
(Music Arranged by Jack Fox)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) 310 HAAS

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>

SERMON "Traveling Mercies"

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 572 "Take Time to Be Holy" HOLINESS

*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 (Exodus 34:29-35)

OFFERTORY "Jesus Shall Reign" Charles Callahan

\*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUN

\*OFFERING BLESSING (Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

**Holy God,  
In faith and gratitude  
We share who we are  
And what we have:  
We offer common things  
Made miracles  
By your grace.  
In the name of him  
Who was covered in dust and glory alike, Jesus Christ:  
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

Loving God,  
we confess  
that we long for a sign  
that you have not forgotten  
us.

Merciful God,  
we confess our sin  
and our thirst for  
forgiveness.

Life-giving God,  
we confess we grow tired  
and uninspired in the wake  
of trials and difficulties.

**Shine among us!  
Open our eyes to your glory  
in all things!**

**Shower upon us!  
Flood our lives  
with your mercy and grace!**

**Blaze among us!  
Set our hearts on fire  
with hope and compassion!**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

(Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

**THE PEACE**

(Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

Christ makes peace within us. **Let us claim it.**

Christ makes peace among us. **Let us share it.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**COMMUNION HYMN 420**

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

*(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. 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**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 234**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

**\*BENEDICTION**

(Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>)

**May the traveling mercies  
Of God beyond,  
Christ beside,  
And Spirit within,  
Follow us down the mountain  
And into our every day. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude”

William Mathias

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**\*Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Call to Worship inspired by Jan Richardson, “Dazzling: A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday,” <http://paintedprayerbook.com/2013/02/03/transfiguration-Sunday-dazzling>, accessed on February 24, 2019; the Peace from Elizabeth Grover, *A Celtic Eucharist for Every Season* (West Conshohocken, PA: Infinity, 2013), 47-48.

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Preacher .....Jonathan Kruschwitz  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Lay Leader ..... Debbie Cook  
 Children’s Message ..... Cinda Caiella  
 Elders ..... Carl Schluter and Gracie Tingle  
 Deacons ..... Garrett Carlton, Chris Carlton  
 .....Holly McGinnis, and Julie Round  
 Acolytes ..... Chris and Garrett Carlton  
 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!*

**Communion** is celebrated each Sunday.

**GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES**

**Stewardship/Capital Campaign:** Thank you for your pledges and here are the results of our 2018-2019 Stewardship/Capital Campaign:

- GRCC’s budget is \$99,485 per year and \$8,290 per month.
- Pledges received: Stewardship: \$3,810/mo. Capital Campaign: \$1,588/mo.  
 Total: \$5,398/mo.

If you have not submitted your pledge and would like to, please see Nancy Patterson.

**Picture-Your-Pet Wall 2019:** We are all God’s creatures, humans and pets alike! This **March**, anyone whose last name begins with D or E 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 F-G, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in April!)

**Ash Wednesday:** **This Wednesday at 7 pm**, there will be an Ash Wednesday service.

**Mark for Lent:** Lent is a season of preparation for Easter. As crucifixion precedes resurrection, so during Lent we die to ourselves that we might be raised to new life in Christ. One way that we die to ourselves is through reading scripture and allowing the Word within the words to confront us and reshape us. Rather than be subjected to the world and its narrative of power, possessions, and prestige, we subject ourselves to the Word, which promises new life in an altogether different story of love.

This year, you are invited to join us as we read together the gospel of Mark from front to finish. Each week we will read a few chapters. For those who are interested, **there is available in the narthex a printed guide for the weekly reading.** Additionally, there will be a gathering for coffee/breakfast each week, which will be a time for sharing our personal reflections on the reading. All are invited. We will meet at **10 am on Fridays** at Metro Diner (11525 W. Broad St.).

**Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon:** On **Sunday, March 17**, after worship, you are invited to a special luncheon: there will be fun for everyone. There will be some Irish trivia, you get to wear your favorite green item, and it's time to make note of the Saint(s) in your life. More information to come as the date gets closer.

**Linger Longer (Birthday Bash):** After worship **on March 31**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **March's** babies! This birthday-theme Linger Longer will happen the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

**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.

**Directory Update:** Tom and Candice Nguyen's new address is:  
4501 Calle Agrada Drive  
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43<sup>a</sup>

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11 am  
Elders Meeting (after Worship)

## THIS WEEK

3/4 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)  
3/6 **Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 pm**  
**(Season of Lent Begins)**  
3/8 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Metro Diner; 11525 W Broad St.)  
3/9 Movie Night @ Crump Park (more details forthcoming)

## COMING UP

3/11 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)  
3/13 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
3/15 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Metro Diner)  
3/16 Yard Sale: Donation Drop-Off Begins  
3/17 Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon (after Worship)  
3/18 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)  
3/20 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
3/22 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Metro Diner)  
3/25 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)  
3/27 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
3/29 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Metro Diner)  
3/30 D. D.'s Bears at St. Mary's @ 10 am

## LOOKING AHEAD

4/6 Yard Sale  
4/14 Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt  
4/18 Maundy Thursday Service  
4/21 Easter Sunday

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

**Our GRCC family:** Mollie Caiella, Stuart Wilkinson, Ivan and Julie Round, Marion Paitsel, Ben Croxford, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Jeremy Borden, Ankie Moore, Jeff Wilber, and **James Fiorello and family.**

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

**Friends of GRCC:**

Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round  
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  
Dale Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook  
Kathleen McGinnis, mother of Rob McGinnis  
Barbara Pietschman and family, friends of the Wingo family  
Family of Cherie Holberg, friends of Daniela Larew  
Jerry Galbreath, brother-in-law of Virginia Taylor  
Drudy Carlton, sister of Paul Carlton  
Doug Cramer, friend of Jeff Wilber  
Terri Kenner, daughter of June and Bubba Galbraith  
David Ninesling, step-brother of Jeff Wilber  
Family and friends of Oscar Silvay, friend of John Malla  
Sandy Roy—friend of the Wingos  
Wendy Evans—friend of the Wingos  
Family and Friends of Leila Hanna, godmother of Anna McFarlane  
Lisa Clements, sister-in-law of Mark Clements  
Ann McDaniel, sister of Nancy Patterson  
Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round  
Doug & Joan Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden  
Linda Grubbs, cousin of David Campbell  
Layne Hembree, son of Kathy Habib's cousin  
Nathan McCarry and Family, brother-in-law of Jeremy Borden

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

Mar 3: Debbie Colvin, Ghana  
Mar 10: Karen Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia  
Mar 17: Jeanette Salley, Nicaragua  
Mar 24: Carlos Sediles-Real, Mexico  
Mar 31: Robert Breckenridge, Zambia

*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 March**, we pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond.*

*For the week of March 3, 2019: We pray for persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.*

*([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.