



*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**

*February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*



*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.

"Poverty is needing others."

(Oscar Romero, 1917-1980)

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Mark Thewes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26)

Blessed are we

When our treasures cannot be quantified.

Blessed are we

When our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Blessed are we

When our delight is to learn and change.

Blessed are we

When our pain is held in the balm of love.

Blessed are we

When our long-suffering bears fruit.

Blessed are we

When our joy comes from beyond ourselves. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 618**

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Luke 6:17-26)

God of blessing and woe,

Disturbing the deadly order of the world:

Give us faith formed by poverty,

Hunger for what really satisfies,

Eyes softened by tears,

And hearts ready to laugh

At all this is false and pompous,

That we might be witnesses

To the dignity of life;

Through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. Amen.

ANTHEM "Blest Are They" David Haas

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG) HAAS

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:17-26

SERMON "Where the Blessing Is"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 583 "Lead Me, Guide Me" LEAD ME GUIDE ME

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 (Luke 6:17-26)

OFFERTORY "Offertory on Ar hyd y nos" Barry L. Bobb

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUN

*OFFERING BLESSING (Jeremiah 17:5-10)

**Nurturing God,
Whose love bears fruit
Even in drought:
We humbly hand over
Our gifts and our lives.
Draw them into your streams of compassion,
Which irrigate
The most needful corners of creation.
In Christ, our living water:
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Luke 6:17-26)

Lord, you bless hunger. Christ, you bless poverty. Lord, you bless sorrow.

When we fill ourselves to capacity and can't recognize what's missing: When we hold onto things and can't receive your love: When we pursue happiness at all costs and can't appreciate your gifts:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Jeremiah 17:5-10)

THE PEACE

(Jeremiah 17:5-10)

The peace of Christ comes from neither knowledge nor power. The peace of Christ springs from trust.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 426 “The Voice of Jesus Calls His People” **THE VOICE OF JESUS**

(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 700** “The Day of God Draw Nigh”

ST. MICHAEL

***BENEDICTION**

(Luke 6:17-26)

**May the God of the poor,
The Christ of sorrows,
And the Spirit of hunger—
Reveal the kingdom in our midst.**

**We go now
To love and serve Christ in others. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

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:

PreacherJonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Children’s Message Becky Ennis
 Lay LeaderE. J. Wingo
 Elders Teresa Campbell and Becky Ennis
 Deacons Debbie Derr, Carol Malla,
 Audrey Schuler, and Jeff Wilber
 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!*

Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

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

Week of Compassion Offering: On **this Sunday and next, February 17 and 24**, we will receive a special offering for Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refuge, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship on **February 24**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **February’s** babies! This birthday-theme Linger Longer will happen the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

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.

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 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

2/20 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

2/24 Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after Worship)
2/27 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
3/3 Elders Meeting (after Worship)
3/6 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 pm
3/9 Movie Night @ Crump Park (more details forthcoming)
3/13 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
3/16 Yard Sale: Donation Drop-Off Begins
3/17 Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon (after Worship)
3/20 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
3/27 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
3/30 D. D.'s Bears at St. Mary's @ 10 am
4/6 Yard Sale

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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

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
Lillie May Slaven, grandmother 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
Sandy Row, friend of the Wingo family
Family of Cherie Holberg, friends of Daniela Larew
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
Terri Kenner, daughter of June and Bubba Galbraith
David Ninesling, step-brother of Jeff Wilber
Nancy Arno, sister of Peggy Wingo
Family and friends of Oscar Silvay, friend of John Malla
Mary Steele, mother of Amanda Carlton
Joan & Doug Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden
Sandy Roy—friend of the Wingos
Wendy Evans—friend of the Wingos
Family and Friends of Leila Hanna, godmother of Anna McFarlane

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

Feb 3: Ben Drolet, Lebanon
Feb 10: Nia Sullivan, Sierra Leone
Feb 17: Danielle Lee, Thailand
Feb 24: Priscilla Yang, Hungary

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 February**, we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of February 17, 2019: We pray for redemption of the divisions, prejudices, pettiness, despair, and discrimination of the past.

(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.