



*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 3, 2019
Fourth 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, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Theme: Service as Spirituality



PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘Abridge’”

Eric Thiman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Moses Joshua

Let us sing to the Lord in unison,
For we are not many, but one!
Let us worship our God in harmony,
For are not one, but many!
Let our voices join in the same song,
As they dance around different notes.
Open our lips, O Lord,
And our mouths will proclaim your praise!

***OPENING HYMN 70** “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

ROEDER

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Moses Joshua

**Lord of the growing seed,
You reach to the roots of our being
And quench our deepest thirst:
Help us to know ourselves
Through the eyes of the other
Who calls us to answer and serve
And, in the end, be filled;
Through Jesus Christ,
Servant of the table.
Amen.**

ANTHEM "How Lovely Are the Messengers" Felix Mendelssohn

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT "My God Is So Big" Rev. Moses Joshua

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-15

SERMON "What Would Jesus Bowl?"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Largo" Maurice Green

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNSERFREUN

*OFFERING BLESSING Rev. Moses Joshua

CONFESSION

Lord, you prepare a place
for us.

**When we refuse
your invitation:**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, your table is
open to all.

**When we keep it
for ourselves:**

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, your welcome is
wild.

**When we are caged by
fear:**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE PEACE

In Christ, we are one body.

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

COMMUNION HYMN 425 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

(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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Moses Joshua

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 453 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

**May the gifts of God be expressed in us,
The love of Christ be embodied in us,
And the unity of the Spirit be fulfilled in us.**

We go now to love and serve Christ in others. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

***Please stand if able.**

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

Scheduled to serve today:

Preacher Rev. Moses Joshua
Director of Music..... Jack Fox
Children’s Message Becky Ennis
Lay Leader Debbie Cook
Elders Becky Ennis and Carl Schluter
Deacons Carol Malla, Chris Carlton,
..... Radek Larew, and Kathy Habib
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!*

A special welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Moses Joshua! Rev. Joshua is the pastor at Springfield Christian Church (DoC) in Rockville, Virginia.

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

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 **January** as our gatherings resume around tables with food, drink, and questions. We will meet next on **Monday, February 4** 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*.

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!)

The West End Community Forum: On Saturday, **February 16**, at 6 pm, Cambridge Baptist Church will be hosting an inaugural community forum. This first gathering, titled “Love Your Neighbor: Seeking Solutions to Social, Economic, and Racial Divisiveness in our Communities and Country,” will feature special guest Calvin Duncan, a former professional athlete and now a community activist, and will also invite dialogue from the audience.

Week of Compassion Offering: On Sundays, February 17 and 24, we will receive a special offering for Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, 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.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 11 am *Pulpit Exchange with Springfield Christian Church*
(Guest Preacher: Rev. Moses Joshua)

AA Super Bowl Gathering (Clubhouse and Fellowship Hall)

THIS WEEK

2/4 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm

2/5 Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

2/6 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

2/10 Valentines Delivery to Our Shut-ins (after Worship)

2/11 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm

2/13 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

2/16 West End Community Forum @ 6 pm (Cambridge Baptist Church)

2/17 Elders Meeting (after Worship)

2/20 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

2/27 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

3/9 Movie Night @ Crump Park (more details forthcoming)

3/16 Yard Sale: Donation Drop-Off Begins

3/17 Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon (after Worship)

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

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Kathy Moran and Elizabeth Reich upon the passing of their father, Ben Reich.

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Amanda Carlton and her family upon the passing of her grandmother, Miriam Green.

*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

*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 3, 2019: We pray for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all eople in all jurisdictions. Fill us with your compassion for our natural environment. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

(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.