



**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.*

*April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent*



*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

*“Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst of his disciples, not to tell the little child he must become like [the disciples], but to tell [the disciples] that they must become like that little child.”
(F. W. Boreham)*

PRELUDE

“My Heart Cries Out in Anguish”

Johannes Brahms

*During this time, you are invited to come forward to receive a Lenten anointing on your wrist,
symbolizing the cross we share and the powerful love of God made perfect in our weakness.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Mark 10:13-16)

This morning we take a risk—

We walk the way of the cross.

This morning we welcome a mystery—

We walk the way of the cross.

This morning we learn from little ones—

We walk the way of the cross.

The way of the cross is paved with insecurity—

And need and trust and prayer.

The way of the cross leads us to love—

And Jesus leads the way.

Come, let us follow him on the way.

Sharing in song and prayer, bread and cup, let us follow him on the way!

***OPENING HYMN 190**

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

STORIES OF JESUS

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 8:27-38)

God of blessing,

Who watches out for the weak

And points to them as pioneers

Of the kingdom coming:

May we learn from you

Not to dominate or put aside

But to give each other dignity and to find in you our unity;

Through Jesus Christ, Lord of the cross. Amen.

ANTHEM "Out of the Depths" Richard Frost

SCRIPTURE Psalm 126

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16

SERMON "Downward Mobility"

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION (INSERT)**

"Take This Moment, Sign, and Space" TAKE THIS MOMENT

*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 10:13-16)

OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY 48 "Praise God" TALLIS' CANON

*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 10:13-16)

**Caring Christ,
Who received the little children
With a warm embrace:
Receive now our gifts and our lives
And bring them
Into touch
With the need of our world.
In the name of our friend and savior, Jesus Christ: Amen.**

CONFESSION (Mark 10:13-16)

Lord, you welcome
the nobodies and the nothings.

Christ, your kingdom is a gift.

Lord, your kingdom comes
by touch.

**When we welcome only those
who look or think like us:**

**When we confuse it
with our own achievement:**

**When we live
in detached independence:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Mark 10:13-16)

THE PEACE

(Mark 10:13-16)

May the little and the lowly touch us with peace.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN (INSERT) “This Is the Body of Christ”

JOHN BELL

(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 431 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”**

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***BENEDICTION**

(Mark 10:13-16)

May we receive in little ones—

**The kingdom of God,
The blessing of Christ,
And the joy of the Spirit.**

We go now

To love and serve Christ in others. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Max Reger

***Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Opening Prayer from Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2009), ebook loc. 427.

Scheduled to serve today:

PreacherJonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Lay Leader Anna McFarlane
 Children’s Message
 EldersDebbie Cook and Carl Schluter
 Deacons Alexa McFarlane, Radek Larew
 Kathy Habib, and Bill Malla
 Acolytes
 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!*

Today we welcome Torrey Risser as guest violinist. Torrey is a senior at Glen Allen High School where she serves as Concert Master in the Orchestra and plays in the Marching Band. Torrey has been playing the violin for 11 years and has performed with artists Jason Mraz and Josh Groban! Welcome Torrey!

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

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 Around the Corner** (2711 Willard Rd; Henrico, VA 23294).

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt: On **Palm Sunday, April 14**, all are invited for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow for our children.

Sonrise Service: After our Sonrise Service on **Easter morning (April 21)**, please join us in the Social Hall for a morning “bite.” We’ll have coffee, doughnuts, bagels—a light breakfast.

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship on **April 28**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **April's** babies! This birthday-theme Linger Longer will happen the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

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

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.

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Lectionary Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4^b-14

John 12:1-8

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

4/8 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)
4/10 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
4/12 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Around the Corner; 2711 Willard Rd.)
4/13 Symphony Manor Easter Egg Hunt @ 2 pm

COMING UP

4/14 **Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt**
4/15 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)
4/17 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
4/18 **Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm**
4/19 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (Around the Corner; 2711 Willard Rd.)
4/21 **Easter Sunday (including Sunrise Service, Breakfast Bites)**
4/22 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)
4/24 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
4/28 Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after worship)
4/29 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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

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
- 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
- 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
- Brenda Clements, mother of Mark Clements**

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

- Apr 7: Anne Gregory, Thailand
- Apr 14: Elena Huegel, Mexico
- Apr 21: Sara Makari, Israel/Palestine
- Apr 28: Bosela Eale, Kenya

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this April**, we pray for the Spirit of resurrection in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of April 7, 2019: We pray for a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Candice Nguyen upon the passing of her husband, Tom Nguyen. Please keep Candice and her family in your heart and prayers.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Teresa and David Campbell upon the passing of Teresa's mother, Theda Mundy. Please keep Teresa and her family in your heart and prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers the many recipients of D.D.'s Bears. The patients who recently received bears (and friends) at St. Mary's Hospitals are: Stella, Jillian, Journei, Jackson Ty, Austin, James, Margie, Linda, Arminta, Rose, Tammy, Nellie, Betty, Pamela, Emily, Patricia, Nilo, Jason, Josie, William, Satchel, Luke, Deandre, Savannah, Tula, Blakely, Logan, Gage, Avery, Stephen, Natsu, Thiago, Kwanita, and Amelia.

**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.