



*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 10, 2019  
First 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**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

*“Institutions tend to become the enemy of the very event they are supposed to embody,  
intent on preserving their own existence, even at the cost of the very purpose of their existence.”  
(John Caputo)*

**PRELUDE**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Mark 3:1-6)

Come, you who are withered—that is to say, worn out;  
Come, you are waiting—that is to say, without;  
Christ is here with healing and good news: **“The kingdom has come near!”**

Come, you who are possessed—that is to say, preoccupied;  
Come, you are paralyzed—that is to say, petrified;  
Christ is here with healing and good news: **“The kingdom has come near!”**

Come, you who are hungry—that is to say, hopeful;  
Come, you are curious—that is to say, heedful;  
Christ is here with healing and good news: **“The kingdom has come near!”**

**\*OPENING HYMN 458**

“Ours the Journey”

OURS THE JOURNEY

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 3:1-6)

**Scandalous God,  
You suffer our ambition  
And our will to power:  
Lead us on the path of loss  
Where long robes are spooked  
And empires tremble  
At the cry of the vulnerable  
And the open hands of love;  
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of the cross:  
Amen.**

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" David Cherwien

SCRIPTURE Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Mark 3:1-6

SERMON "The Threat of New Life"

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 494 "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S

*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 3:1-6)

OFFERTORY "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" Arr. Mark Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY 48 "Praise God" TALLIS' CANON

\*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 3:1-6)

Christ whose care  
Amplifies the cries of the world,  
Whose unruly love  
Flusters our formality:  
On this Sabbath day,  
We give you our gifts  
And our lives.  
Hasten them to the needful,  
And put us into touch  
With your world.  
Amen.

CONFESSION (Mark 3:1-6)

Lord, you give life.

Christ, you came  
not to condemn but to save.

Lord, your Spirit brings  
rebirth.

When our words or deeds  
diminish life:

When our custom or  
convention precludes love  
and new life:

When our desire for  
security leaves us clinging  
to the status quo:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Mark 3:1-6)

## THE PEACE

(Mark 3:1-6)

The peace of Christ does not wilt in the face of hard hearts and threatened tradition. It persists and restores life.

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. 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 (INSERT) “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

BEACH SPRING

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**May the threatening cry of God,  
The troublemaking compassion of Christ,  
And the tenacious curiosity of the Spirit,  
Draw us beyond old powers  
Into new life, today and every day. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

Arr. Mark Hayes

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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:**

Preacher .....Jonathan Kruschwitz  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Lay Leader ..... Amanda Carlton  
 Children’s Message ..... Seth Spivey  
 Elders ..... Becky Ennis and Gracie Tingle  
 Deacons ..... Debbie Derr,  
 .....Carol Mall, and Audrey Schuler  
 Acolytes .....Nancy Patterson and Carl Schluter  
 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!)

**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. We will also be offering Shamrocks for a donation to honor the Saint(s) in our lives and to send our youth to Craig Springs. After the luncheon, you are invited to donate at least 15 minutes of your time to help set up the final pieces of the yard sale tables for the awesome fundraiser that draws us together, enriches the community, and sustains the life of the church.

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

Jeff and Rebecca Wilber  
2513 Potomac Hunt Lane, 1B  
Henrico, VA 23233

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8<sup>b</sup>-13

Luke 4:1-13

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11 am

## THIS WEEK

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

## COMING UP

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  
**Brenda Clements, mother of Mark Clements**

*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 10, 2019: We pray for all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others; for clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.*

*([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.