



*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 17, 2019
Second 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

“The most precious human gifts are rooted in weakness....[I]n welcoming the poorest and most vulnerable among us, it is we who will be spiritually nourished by them.”

(Jean Vanier)

PRELUDE

“Aria”

Flor Peeters

*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 4:1-20)

“Listen! A sower went out to sow.”

Give us life, O Lord, according to your love.

“Some seeds fell on the path, and the birds ate them up.”

Give us life, O Lord, according to your love.

“Other seeds fell on rocky ground; since they had no root, they withered away.”

Give us life, O Lord, according to your love.

“Other seeds fell among thorns, and then the thorns choked them.”

Give us life, O Lord, according to your love.

“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain.”

Give us life, O Lord, according to your love.

Where we are worn, rocky, or hurtfully tangled,

Cultivate our hearts, Lord.

We welcome your word this morning—

Tend to your kingdom-garden among us.

***OPENING HYMN (INSERT) “Father, We Have Heard Your Call”**

HYFRYDOL

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 4:1-20)

Divine Sower, whose seeds of love

Seek the fertile soil of broken hearts,

Whose compassion is a parable,

A mystery revered by those on the outside:

May your kingdom take root in our church

And grow in our community.

Through Jesus Christ, Lord of the cross: Amen.

ANTHEM "The Mind of Christ" K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:1-20

SERMON "Broken Soil"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 478 "You Are the Seed" ID Y ENSENAD

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 4:1-20)

OFFERTORY "What Wondrous Love Is This" John Eggert

*DOXOLOGY 48 "Praise God" TALLIS' CANON

*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 4:1-20)

**Sowing God,
Plant our gifts
And our lives
Amid worn and rocky places
So that your kingdom
Might grow
There.
In Christ,
The grain of life:
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Mark 4:1-20)

Lord, you sow indiscriminately,
hopefully.

Christ, your kingdom grows
from seeds.

Lord, your promise lives
even in broken situations.

**When we give up hope
on people or places:**

**When we rush for solutions
and skip the labor of love:**

**When we curse
instead of bless:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Mark 4:1-20)

THE PEACE

(Mark 4:1-20)

The peace of Christ is like a seed. May we tend to it in our lives and our relationships, and may we trust in its growth.

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 538**

“Hope of the World”

VICAR

***BENEDICTION**

(Luke 4:1-20)

**May God whose life grows in broken hearts,
Christ whose love reaches to the margins,
And Spirit whose start is small—
Take root in us and grow in our world,
Today and every day.**

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

POSTLUDE

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

F. W. Zachow

***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
 Lay Leader Teresa Campbell
 Children’s Message Teresa Campbell
 EldersDebbie Cook and Anna McFarlane
 Deacons Radek Larew, Kathy Habib,
 Bill Malla, and Alexa McFarlane
 Acolytes Radek Larew and Alexa McFarlane
 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 First Watch (11721 W. Broad St.).

Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon: Today, 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.

Yard Sale: Just in time for Spring cleaning, the next yard sale will be held on **April 6**. Clean out your closets and donate your unwanted items. Tell your neighbors and ask your friends to donate their unwanted items, too. Please use your best judgment and price your items before bringing them in. Stickers are available at the church if you prefer to price there. No need to price clothing, books, CDs, tapes, or DVDs.

Please consider spending a few hours to help with this important fundraiser. The work that needs to be done includes some lifting and moving of items. There are some "sit down" jobs such as putting clothes on hangers, hanging jewelry, and pricing. Nancy and Debbie can assist with determining prices. No previous yard sale experience is needed. Please see the calendar for all yard sale preparation dates and times.

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.

Directory Updates: Tom and Candice Nguyen
4501 Calle Agrada Drive
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

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

Lectionary Scripture

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
Souper Salad Sunday Luncheon (after Worship)
Yard Sale Preparation (after Luncheon)

THIS WEEK

3/18 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)
3/20 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
3/22 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (First Watch; 11721 W. Broad St.)
3/23 Yard Sale Preparation @ 10 am–2 pm

COMING UP

3/24 Choir Rehearsal @ 2:00–3:30 pm
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 (TBA)
3/30 D. D.'s Bears at St. Mary's @ 10 am
Yard Sale Preparation @ 10 am–2 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

4/5 Yard Sale: Friends and Family Early Sale @ 1 pm–5 pm
4/6 Yard Sale @ 8 am–12 pm
Yard Sale: Clean Up @ 12 pm–2 pm
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, James Fiorello and family, and **Darrah Davis**.

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this March**, we pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of March 17, 2019: We pray for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff; for hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

(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.