



**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.*

*March 24, 2019
Third 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

*"We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own." (Oscar Romero, 1917-1980)*

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Thomaso Albinoni

*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 8:1-10)

How quickly a task
Can overtake us,
Overshadow our hope,
Overwhelm our hearts.

How quickly we forget
The power of your love;
Open hands and filled hearts,
A single smile
Spreading like wildfire.

Seven loaves and a few fish
For four thousand people—
Can you believe it?
Gather with me, then,
At the Table.
There is always this Feast,
And it is always enough.

***OPENING HYMN 669**

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

LLANGLOFFAN

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 8:1-10)

**God of compassion,
Whose heart goes out
To the hungry and destitute;
Who takes our lack
And transforms it into much:
Fill us with trust
In the way of love;
In the power of open hands
That are faithful and free
To lift up, to share, to touch.
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of the cross:
Amen.**

ANTHEM "I Sought the Lord" David Ashley White

SCRIPTURE Psalm 63:1-8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:1-10

SERMON "Again"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

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 8:1-10)

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Arr. Robert Hebble

*DOXOLOGY 48 "Praise God" TALLIS' CANON

*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 8:1-10)

**Nurturing God,
Who assumes
The needs of the world:
Receive our gifts
And our lives;
Break and bless them,
That they might become
Food for the hungry.
In the name of Christ,
Who feeds the crowds: Amen.**

CONFESSION (Mark 8:1-10)

Lord, when you see a crowd
you have compassion.

Christ, you respond faithfully
with what you have.

Lord, you make a lot
out of a little.

**When we turn away
from the needs before us:**

**When we defer our response
until a more convenient time:**

**When we dismiss what is
small:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Mark 8:1-10)

THE PEACE

(Mark 8:1-10)

May the peace of Christ fill our hungry hearts and encourage us to live faithfully no matter the circumstance.

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 536**

“We Belong to God”

SOMOS DEL SENIOR

***BENEDICTION**

(Mark 8:1-10)

May God—the **Call outside us,**
Christ—the **Least beside us,**
And Spirit—the **Stirring within us,**

Bless us and break us—
And bring us to the cross and beyond. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“O Dearest Jesus”

Johannes Brahms

***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 Anna McFarlane
 Children’s Message Amanda Carlton
 EldersTeresa Campbell and Gracie Tingle
 Deacons Ivan Round, Garrett Carlton,
 Chris Carlton, and Holly McGinnis
 Acolytes Chris and Garrett Carlton
 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 a location to be announced.

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: Larew Family
2019 Stonequarter Road
Henrico, VA 23238

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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
Choir Rehearsal @ 2:00–3:30 pm

THIS WEEK

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

COMING UP

3/31 Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after worship)
4/1 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)
4/3 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
4/5 Lenten Coffee/Breakfast @ 10 am (TBA)
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
4/8 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 (TBA)
4/14 Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

LOOKING AHEAD

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, 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
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
Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell

*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 24, 2019: We pray for a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.

(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.