



**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 14, 2019
Palm Sunday*



*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

"It is not what we call God that is at issue, but what God calls [for]."

(John D. Caputo)

PROCESSIONAL

"Hosanna!"

Taize

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Mark 11:1-11)

Receiving the titles "Lord," "Son of God," and "King,"

You were a threat to the empire.

Challenging hollow habits and self-interested sanctuaries,

You were a threat to the religious leaders.

Healing on the Sabbath and eating with sinners,

You were a threat to the righteous.

Denying yourself, living for others, and inviting us to follow you,

You are a threat to the center of our hearts.

Come friends, let us wave our palms and shout our praise,

But let this not be empty:

Let us expose our hearts and change our ways,

For the donkey still makes its entry.

***OPENING HYMN (INSERT)** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 11:1-11)

Ride on, Lord Jesus,

Humbly on a donkey

Into the center of power—

Into our hearts.

As hosannas fade,

And shadows fall,

And friends falter—

Ride on, Lord Jesus.

Showing the way, truth, and life,

Ride on, Lord Jesus, ride on.

Amen.

ANTHEM "Procession of Praise" Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG) HAAS

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34

SERMON "Not Far from the Kingdom"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 200

"What Wondrous Love Is This?" WONDROUS LOVE

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 12:28-34)

OFFERTORY "Go to Dark Gethemane" Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY 48 "Praise God" TALLIS' CANON

*OFFERING BLESSING (Mark 11:1-11)

**Christ on the colt,
We give these gifts to you
Not because you come
With power and the threat of force,
But because your humble love
Has inspired us,
And we want to welcome your kingdom
Where it is coming:
Among the "least" of us. Amen.**

CONFESSION (Mark 11:1-11)

We cry "Hosanna,"
thinking that your kingdom
aligns with our personal
agendas.

We get caught up
in the crowd,
mistaking spectacle
for significance.

We praise you
in one breath,
and do not recognize you
with our next.

**Forgive us, Lord,
for we know not
what we do.**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

(Mark 12:28-34)

In Christ whose love embraces God and neighbor together: all things are reconciled, whether on earth or in heaven.

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 196**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

REDHEAD 76

*CLOSING MEDITATION

Where Christ walks,

We will follow.

Where Christ stumbles,

We will stop.

Where Christ cries,

We will listen.

Where Christ suffers,

We will hurt.

Where Christ dies,

We will grieve.

When we see no sign of Christ,

We will hope against hope.

***RESPONSE**

“Were You There?”

SPIRITUAL

*We depart the sanctuary quietly,
mindful of the way of the cross that Christ walks and invites us to walk.*

***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 David Koerner
 Children’s Message David Koerner
 Elders Becky Ennis and Gracie Tingle
 Deacons Holly McGinnis, Julie Round,
 Garrett Carlton, Chris Carlton
 Acolytes Ivan Round
 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!*

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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. 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).

Sonrise Service: After our Sonrise Service at **6:30 am 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.

BYOF: Bring Your Own Flower: If you wish to have a spring flower or Easter lily in the sanctuary on Easter in honor of in memory of a loved one, or for no reason at all, you are invited to Bring Your Own Flower. It can be fresh or artificial, any color, any size. Bring it to the sanctuary before worship next Sunday. There will be forms in the narthex for you to fill out if you wish to have your flower dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Easter Offering: Today, **April 14**, and Easter Sunday, **April 21**, we will be receiving our special Easter Offering. Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love, and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, and Higher Education and Leadership Ministries.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

CALENDAR

TODAY

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt @ 9 am

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 11 am

THIS WEEK

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.)

COMING UP

4/21

Easter Sunday

“Sonrise” Service @ 6:30 am

Breakfast Bites (after “Sonrise” Service)

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Easter Worship @ 11:00 am

4/24

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

4/28

Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after worship)

4/29

BBBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)

5/1

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

5/5

Ministry Team Sharing (in worship)

5/7

Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

5/8

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

NOTE: Please note that BBBQ has been cancelled on April 15 and 22. It resumes April 29.

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, Jim Caiella, and **Becky Ennis**.

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
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 Wings
Wendy Evans—friend of the Wings
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
Julie Gugliotta, family of Kathy Habib
Donna Jean, neighbor of Wings
Will Rhodes, friend of Wings
Mike Lecik, family of Chris Carlton
Laura Kinum, niece of Susan Young

*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 14, 2019: We pray for the removal of any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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.