



**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 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter*

*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.

*"The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb,
but the full hearts of his transformed disciples."*

(Clarence Jordan, 1912-1969)

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

Dan Miller

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(John 20:19-31)

Amid our fears for the future, Jesus comes and stands among us:

"Peace be with you."

Amid our doubts about the past, Jesus comes and stands among us:

"Peace be with you."

Amid the restless plotting of our minds, Jesus comes and stands among us:

"Peace be with you."

Christ is risen among us this morning. And his promise is this:

"Peace be with you."

***OPENING HYMN (INSERT) "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"**

REGENT SQUARE

***OPENING PRAYER**

(John 20:19-31)

**Alpha and Omega,
Our beginning and our end,
You break through the locks
Of gated communities
And hardened hearts:
Accept our doubts,
Heal our desire for certainty,
And by your Spirit's gentle touch
Make us a people
Forgiven and forgiving.
Through Jesus Christ,
The giver of peace:
Amen.**

ANTHEM "O Risen Lord" K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG) HAAS

SCRIPTURE Acts 5:27-32

SERMON "Subjects of the Risen Christ"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 213 "Who Would Ever Have Believed It?"
TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

*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 (Acts 5:27-32)

OFFERTORY "Hymn of Promise" John Ferguson

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING BLESSING (Acts 5:27-32)

**God who lifts up the lowly
And raises the dead,
Breathe into these gifts
And into our lives
Your love,
Which takes away
The sin and brokenness
Of the world.
In Christ our leader and savior:
Amen.**

CONFESSION (John 20:19-31)

Lord, you are forever
opening doors and making
new ways.

Christ, you breathe
inspiration into the stale and
musty corners of our lives.

Lord, you send us out as you
sent Jesus: to love the world
unto death and into life:

**When we choose
locked doors and security
over the risk of peace:**

**When we resist your Spirit
in favor of our own plans:**

**When we hesitate, delay, or
make excuses:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Acts 5:27-32)

THE PEACE

(Acts 5:27-32)

The world puts Christ on the cross. Christ puts the world onto the way of peace.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 386 “We Come as Guests Invited”

WIE LIEBLICH IS DER MAIEN

(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 218**

“Thine Is the Glory”

MACCABEUS

***BLESSING**

(Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31)

**May the door-defying God,
The peace-making Christ,
And the life-giving Spirit—**

**Subject us in faith
And make us more fully alive. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Robert Hobby

***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 Anna McFarlane
 Elders Cinda Caiella and Anna McFarlane
 Deacons Bill Malla, Alexa McFarlane,
 Radek Larew, Kathy Habib
 Acolytes Alexa McFarlane
 Worship & Wonder..... Amanda 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 worshipping with us today!*

Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

Thank you to all who brought Easter flowers. They are given in honor and memory of our loved ones, whose names are listed on the recognition sheets in the narthex.

GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

Acts for Easter: Eastertide is a season for resurrection. We celebrate not only the empty tomb two thousand years ago, but the many ways that Christ is risen today—in our hearts, in our communities, in the world. We seek the risen Christ in the dirt and dust of our world—in our own “Galilee.” For as the young messenger at the tomb proclaimed, “He has been raised; he is not here. But go...he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you” (Mark 16:6-7).

This Easter season, you are invited to join us as we read together the book of Acts from front to finish. Acts tells the story of the early church, a group of Christ-followers not unlike ourselves who shared together the joy of Christ’s resurrection and sought to follow the risen Christ in their own lives. Each week we will read a handful of chapters. For those who are interested, there is available in the narthex a short printed guide for the weekly reading.

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship *today*, 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!)

Sunday Sojourns: The ancestors of our faith, Abraham and Sarah, sojourned their entire adult lives. Jesus said the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. The early church met not in official church buildings but in Christ-followers' homes. This summer, we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors in faith. On a few select Sundays, we will invite you to meet with us not in the sanctuary but in another gathering space in the community. For as it was in the Bible, so it is now: we often encounter God in the strange and unfamiliar, in circumstances of vulnerability and risk and trust. We are hopeful that our sojourns will be a blessing both to ourselves and to the communities with whom we gather. Stay tuned for more information about the sojourns that we are planning.

Nicolas Carter in Concert: Relax, refresh, and renew with nurturing soul music and stories of a Latin American life. On **June 7, at 7 pm**, internationally acclaimed Paraguayan harpist and storyteller Nicolas Carter will perform a concert in our sanctuary. The event will be free with a suggested love offering. We are especially excited to have Nicolas join us, as he is a nephew of Rev. Pat Carter.

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. These will be shared with the church through email.

Lectionary Scripture

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150:1-6

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Easter Worship @ 11:00 am
Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after worship)

THIS WEEK

4/29 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)
4/30 Mental Wellness Seminar at Bon Air Christian Church @ 6 pm
(See flier for more details)
5/1 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

5/5 Ministry Team Sharing (in worship)
5/6 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)
5/7 Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am
5/8 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
5/13 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)
5/15 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
5/20 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)
5/22 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
5/26 Morning Prayer and Communion @ 9:45 am
Sunday Sojourn: Worship at Second Baptist @ 11 am (9614 River Road)

ON THE HORIZON

6/7 Concert: Nicolas Carter, Harpist and Storyteller @ 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

8/3 Yard Sale Prep Begins
8/24 Yard Sale @ 8 am—12 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mollie Caiella, Stuart Wilkinson, Ivan and Julie Round, Marion Paitzel, 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 Paitzel.

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 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

Julie Gugliotta, family of Kathy Habib

Family of Donna Jean, neighbor of Wingos

Will Rhodes, friend of Wingos

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 28, 2019: We pray for a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

(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.