



**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.*

*May 5, 2019  
Third 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.*

*"Know that the Lord walks among the pots and the pans."  
(Teresa of Avila, 16th century)*

**PRELUDE**

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Johann Walther

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Acts 2:42-47)

In the beginning, the followers of Christ  
"Devoted themselves to the breaking of bread"  
And "ate with glad and generous hearts."  
**Bring us together, God, in your Spirit.**

The earliest followers of Christ  
Were called "the Way."  
"They spent much time together," walking the same Way.  
**Bring us together, God, in your Spirit.**

Before there was a church or a church building,  
There was a movement, a mission.  
The followers "would distribute their goods" among others according to their need.  
**Bring us together, God, in your Spirit.**

**\*OPENING HYMN (INSERT) "Father, We Have Heard Your Calling"**

HYFRYDOL

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Acts 2:42-47)

**Sharing God,  
Whose way is broken bread and heartfelt words,  
Open hands and inviting doors:  
Stir us to seek  
More than ourselves.  
Draw us into the risk  
Of an out-reaching community,  
That we may know the joy of life together.  
In him in whom we are one body, Jesus Christ:  
Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "What Does the Lord Require?" Ron Nelson

**SCRIPTURE** John 21:1-14

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:42-47

**SERMON** "A Paddle for Everyone"

**WONDERS AND SIGNS** "Tables" Ministry Team Cinda Caiella  
"Small Groups" Ministry Team Anna McFarlane  
"Needful" Ministry Team Carl Schluter

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 485 "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race" TALLIS' CANNON**

*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 2:42-47)

**OFFERTORY** "A Place at the Table" Lori True

**\*DOXOLOGY 50** "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*OFFERING BLESSING** (Acts 2:42-47)

**God whose kingdom flourishes  
Around tables of sharing,  
Small groups of caring,  
And mission so daring:  
Bless these gifts and our lives  
That they might welcome the kingdom  
That arrives in the gap  
Between us and the needful.  
In Christ, whose love reigns:  
Amen.**



**Scheduled to serve today:**

Preacher .....Jonathan Kruschwitz  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Lay Leader ..... Teresa Campbell  
 Children’s Message ..... Seth Spivey  
 Elders ..... Teresa Campbell and Carl Schluter  
 Deacons ..... Chris Carlton, Holly McGinnis,  
 ..... Ivan Round, and Garrett Carlton  
 Acolytes .....  
 Worship & Wonder..... Darrah Davis  
 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.

**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 on **May 19**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **May’s** babies! This birthday-themed Linger Longer will happen (usually) the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

**Picture-Your-Pet Wall 2019:** We are all God’s creatures, humans and pets alike! This **May**, anyone whose last name begins with H or I 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 J or K, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in June!)

**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](mailto:grccdoc@verizon.net). These will be shared with the church through email.

**Prayer List:** On **May 19**, the prayer list will be cleared. If you would like any current requests to remain on the prayer list, please let Jonathan know.

### **Lectionary Scripture**

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30:1-12

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship @ 11:00 am

## THIS WEEK

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

## COMING UP

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)  
5/27 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)  
5/29 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm  
6/2 Elders Meeting (after worship)  
6/3 BBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy)  
6/4 Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am  
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 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 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

Mike Lecik, family of Chris Carlton

Laura Kinum, niece of Susan Young

**Journey and Sharon Johnson, friends and former members of GRCC**

**We extend our deepest sympathies to Cliff Campbell and his family upon the passing of his father, Don Campbell.**

**Please keep Cliff and his family in your prayers.**

*During the month of **May**, please be in prayer for these Mission Personnel of the Global Ministries for our church.*

May 5: Nishan Bakalian, Lebanon

May 12: Monica Liddle, East Timor

May 19: Michelle McKay, Haiti

May 26: Phyllis Byrd, Kenya

*For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)*

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this May**, we pray for the churches and religious institutions of metropolitan Richmond.*

*For the week of May 5, 2019: We pray for all who seek God on behalf of others; for pastors, ministers, missionaries, intercessors, and other servants of Christ.*

*([www.metroprayrva.org](http://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.