



**Gayton Road Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Ministers: Every Believer**



As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

*February 23, 2020
Transfiguration Sunday*

*We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness
in a fragmented world.*

*Please use the Narthex for conversation, gathering and visiting,
so that the Sanctuary may be used for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE "O God, Beyond All Praising" Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 99

(Leader) The Lord Reigns; let the peoples tremble!

(Congregation) **The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion and is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the lord our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is the Lord!

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain:

for the Lord our God is Holy.

OPENING HYMN (INSERT) "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" HYFRYDOL

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God, ages ago you
announced your presence to your
people through fire and cloud,
earthquake and trumpet blast. We
are no longer a people of signs but
we still long for the reassurance of
your touch.**

**Move among us this day. Gather
us into one people, worthy of your
presence. Anoint this gathering
with your grace that we might
offer you our fullest praise.**

Amen

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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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Christ our brother, you walked many a winding road:

Help us see all parts of our lives as sacred.

Dear Lord, you grieved the ruinous power of sin.

Convict us of its consequences and empower us to respond with love.

Gracious Spirit, so many hunger and thirst in our world:

Strengthen us for service, so we may be bread and cup for others.

[Here the people may add particular intercessions and thanksgivings.]

Companion Christ, as we begin our lives anew

In this world you are recreating:

Be near to us and lead us on your way. Amen

LORD’S PRAYER 310 (Sung)

HAAS

THE WORD

Eternal God, in the reading of scripture,
May your word be heard.
 In the meditations of our hearts,
May your word be known.
 In the faithfulness of our lives,
May your word be shown.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

At this time, children through 2nd grade are invited to depart for Worship & Wonder.

SCRIPTURE

John 6:5-14

SERMON

“Little is Much When God Is in It” Rev. Schroeder

(Deacons gather in the back of the sanctuary to prepare for the offering.)

***HYMN 97**

“Fairest Lord Jesus” ST. ELIZABETH

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Diann and Jeremy Borden, Julie and Ivan Round, Jeff Wilber, Dolores Cadet, Becky Ennis, Nancy Patterson, Debbie Derr and Marion Paitsel.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: June & Bubba Galbraith, Jim Harris, Marion Paitsel, Anna Lee Werner and Stuart Wilkinson.

Friends of GRCC:

- Corey and Kate Burton
- Tiffany, friend of Daniela Larew
- Trey Jones, friend of Amanda Carlton
- Helen Payne
- Berry Family
- Family and Friends of Vivian Pierce, friend of Ann Waring
- Jill Bowersett, friend of Debbie Cook
- Jeff and Bev Price, friends of Debbie Cook
- Family and Friends of Larry Urban, friend of the Wingos
- Family and Friends of Wayne Watkins, friend of the Wingos
- Whitney Burton Meleski
- Lou and Laura Steele
- John Long, uncle of Peggy Wingo and Nancy Arno
- Charles Clements, brother of Mark Clements
- Sheryl Richmond, friend of Ann Waring
- Joyce Doty, mother of Ken Arno

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

- February 2: Abigail Fate, Mexico
- February 9: Fiyori Kidane, Greece
- February 16: Abigail Hernandez, Japan
- February 23: Dustin Yang, Hungary

For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit www.globalministries.org

*Together with other churches in Richmond this **February**, we pray for the coming of God’s Kingdom in metropolitan Richmond.*

***February 23, 2020** - We pray for the coming of God’s Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.*

(www.metroprayrva.org)

People listed in bold added this week.

Please contact Peggy Wingo (wingo53@comcast.net) to share prayer requests and updates to our prayer list.

CALENDAR

TODAY

All Ages Sunday School 9:45
 Worship 11:00
Annual Chili Cook-Off Luncheon (following Worship)

THIS WEEK

2/26 **Ash Wednesday Service 7:00**
 2/29 West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00

NEXT WEEK

3/1 AA Knitting Class 2:00—5:00 (Fellowship Hall)
 3/1 Special Choir Rehearsal 3:00

COMING UP

3/3 Blue Ridge Memory Care Worship Service 10:30 (Everyone is Invited)
 3/4 Choir Rehearsal 7:00
 3/7 West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00
 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring ahead
 3/11 Choir Rehearsal 7:00
 3/14 West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00
 3/21 St. Mary's Hospital DD's Bears Delivery 9:00
 3/21 West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00

 4/5 Palm Sunday Breakfast (9:00) and Easter Egg Hunt (10:00)

 5/30 Regional Assembly 10:00—4:00 (University of Lynchburg)

OFFERTORY

“Largo”

George Green

*DOXOLOGY 48 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” TALLIS' CANON

*OFFERING PRAYER

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ reveals the holy in the humdrum.

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

Please share the peace with those worshipping around you.

(Elders and Deacons gather in the back of the Sanctuary to prepare to serve)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

COMMUNION

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.”

*CLOSING HYMN 234 “Crown Him With Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

* CLOSING PRAYER

**God be in our head, and in our understanding.
 God be in our eyes and in our looking.
 God be in our mouth, and in our speaking.
 God be in our heart, and in our thinking.
 God be in our end, and in our departing. Amen**

POSTLUDE

“Agincourt Hymn”

John Dunstable

*Please stand if able.

As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence phones. Bibles (electronic or book) are most welcome!

Scheduled to serve today:

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Jeffery Schroeder
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Lay Leader Mark Clements
 Communion Table Leader.....Carl Schluter
 Elders.....Mark Clements, Anna McFarlane
 Deacons Bill Malla, Carol Malla
 Kathy Habib, Radek Larew
 Children’s Message.....Cinda Caiella
 Worship & Wonder..... Cinda Caiella
 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!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

Today we welcome back Rev. Jeffery Schroeder. He is a native of Virginia and has served in a variety of ministerial capacities. His background is Baptist and Disciples of Christ. He graduated with the M.A.R., M.Div., and S.T.M. degrees, the last-mentioned from Yale University Divinity School. He pursued additional graduate work at the Universities of Toronto and Oxford. His wife, Elsie, is a native of India. She is a state licensed and internationally certified sleep therapist. Both Jeffery and Elsie are delighted to be with us today.

During our Interim Time should you have pastoral needs or concerns please contact your Elder or Chair of the Elders, Mark Clements. Our church office phone will be checked daily for folks who wish to leave a message there.

February Chili Cook Off Luncheon will be **TODAY** right after worship. Vote for your favorite chili entry with coins. Please come out for fun, fellowship and fundraising!

Our Week of Compassion Offering will be received on February 16 and 23. As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Please see your bulletin insert and visit weekofcompassion.org for more details.

From the Operations Team: GRCC welcomes the West End Farmers’ Market, from across the street. They will bring their vendors into our Fellowship Hall each Saturday morning through April. This includes our very own Salt and Pepper Farm proprietors, Mark and Faye Clements!

Blessing Warriors Partnership: The recent severe weather has left Camp Cathy (the tent city for homeless) in dire need. There are specific needs for **blankets, tarps, towels and ponchos**. Walmart has very good pricing for those, but if they run out, there are other resources as well.

If you prefer, just write a check to GRCC, with the note that it’s for Blessing Warriors, and we can order the items at a reduced rate. That way you don’t have to go find them and haul them back to the church. Thank you for caring for those who need us the most.

Picture your Great's and Grand's Wall for 2020: To get to know each other even better, would you bring in your pictures that reflect your Greatest day, Great niece/nephew, Greatest Friend, etc., or a Grandchild, Grand pet, Grand vacation picture, etc. You get the picture, anything that’s special to you with a short caption as to whom it belongs. It will only take a moment, or a couple of months, or even through December. The Great/Grand Picture wall can change as you change throughout the year.

DD’s Bears: We are collecting new bears (and other stuffed animals) that will be delivered to St. Mary's Hospital by DD's Bears at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21. There are 2 containers in the Narthex where you can put your donations. Thank you for your support of this wonderful community event.

A note to share from Nancy Patterson:

To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, cards, gift cards, emails and delicious food. All these are so very much appreciated.

Your love and care help me on this unexpected journey and strengthens me daily.

GRCC is a blessing in my life and from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU.

Nancy

Lectionary Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Psalms 99

Matthew 17:1-9