



**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.*

*March 1, 2020  
First Sunday in Lent*

*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**                      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”                      Dale Wood

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus began his ministry to the world,  
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we seek to follow Jesus,  
we would be led, even into the  
uncomfortable places.**

**As we begin our Lenten journey,  
let us be led by the Spirit,  
even into the uncomfortable places.**

Jesus left the wilderness,  
faithful and obedient to God,  
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

In those forty days, and in that place,  
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt  
and temptation.

**As we continue on our path to faithful-  
ness, we will be led by our Christ,  
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

*~ written by Thom Shuman*

**OPENING HYMN (INSERT)**    “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”                      EBENEZER

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (INSERT)**

Inspired by Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13

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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**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion hear our prayers.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

**Make them hear of joy and gladness, that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.

**LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken)**

**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**

Psalm 32

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 4:1-11

**SERMON**

“When Temptation Calls”

Rev. Crowley

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

**\*HYMN 211** “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” LONESOME VALLEY

**Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

Hear our prayer O Lord:

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

Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. **Amen.**

**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 Paitzel.

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

**Friends of GRCC:**

- Tiffany, friend of Daniela Larew
- Trey Jones, friend of Amanda Carlton
- Helen Payne
- Berry Family
- Jill Bowersett, friend of Debbie Cook
- Jeff and Bev Price, friends of Debbie Cook
- 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
- Terri Kenner**, daughter of June & Bubba Galbraith
- Mark Dalton**, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith

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

- March 1: Debbie Colvin, Ghana
- March 8: Karen Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia
- March 15: Jeanette Salley, Zambia
- March 22: Michelle McKay, Haiti
- March 29: Fritz Gerald Joseph, Morocco

*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 **March**, we pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond.*

***March 1, 2020** - We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.*

**(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
AA Knitting Class	2:00—5:00
Choir Rehearsal	3:00

## THIS WEEK

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

## NEXT WEEK

3/11	Choir Rehearsal 7:00
3/14	West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00

## COMING UP

3/18	Choir Rehearsal 7:00
3/19	Brookdale Memory Care Worship Service 10:30 (Everyone is Invited)
3/21	St. Mary's Hospital DD's Bears Delivery 9:00
3/21	West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00
3/25	Choir Rehearsal 7:00
3/28	West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00
4/5	Palm Sunday Breakfast (9:00) and Easter Egg Hunt (10:00)
4/9	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00
5/30	Regional Assembly 10:00—4:00 (University of Lynchburg)

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

J.S. Bach

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

\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*THE PEACE

As we begin this Lenten journey, know that Christ goes with us wherever we go.

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. Please come forward to take communion. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. The communion bread is gluten free.*

\*CLOSING HYMN 180 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” ST. FLAVIAN

\*CLOSING PRAYER

**Loving Lord,**

**Lead and guide us on this Lenten way.**

**May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem.**

**May we like Him take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to You, just as Christ Himself did. Amen.**

*-written by Patrick Ryan*

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Ebenezer”

Gordon Young

\*Please stand if able.

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

Prayer of Illumination adapted from *Chalice Worship* (eds. Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison: St. Louis: Chalice, 1997), 384

Prayer of the People adapted from Rick Morley

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Kim Crowley  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Lay Leader ..... Debbie Cook  
 Elders ..... Carl Schluter, Amanda Carlton  
 Deacons ..... Peggy Wingo, Jeff Wilber  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Seth Spivey  
 Children’s Message.....Teresa Campbell  
 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**

**Today we welcome** back Reverend Kim Crowley. She is a 2009 graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, and has served as a minister at both Disciples of Christ and Baptist churches. Currently she is a preschool teacher for VCU Health System's Family Care Services center. She and her husband, Chris, live south of the James with their four-year-old daughter, Erica, and their Shepherd Husky rescue, Iris.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Directory Update:** Lu Roberts is on the move so please update your directories.

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**Lectionary Scripture**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Psalm 32

Matthew 4:1-11