



**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 8, 2020  
Second 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** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Craig Phillips

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Inspired by John 3:14-21

*(Leader)* Friends of God, believe this –  
God loved the world,  
God loves the world,  
we are the beloved!

**We come, in friendship to God  
and to each other,  
and in friendship to the world,  
to listen for God's Word to us,  
to offer our prayers,  
and to renew our calling.**

*(Congregation)* May this truth shine  
through our worship today,  
and renew our sense of calling.

Friends of God,  
let us worship!

So come, with your tiredness,  
your frustrations and your  
discouragements;  
come with your doubts, your fears,  
and your longings;  
come, to discover yet again  
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

*~ written by Ann Siddall*

**\*OPENING HYMN 108** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFIER

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

Inspired by John 3:1-17

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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.

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" Benjamin Harlan

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (INSERT)**

Inspired by John 3:14-21

**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** Genesis 12:1-4

**PSALTER 760** "Psalm 121"

*Please join the choir in singing the response as indicated  
and reading the bold face type.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**SCRIPTURE** John 3:1-17

**SERMON** "Not the End of the Story" Rev. Crowley

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

**\*HYMN 518** "This is a Day of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...**

**Our GRCC family:** Diann and Jeremy Borden, Julie and Ivan Round, Jeff Wilber, Dolores Cadet, 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:**

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 8, 2020** - We pray for all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others. For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.*

**(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 |

## THIS WEEK

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

## NEXT WEEK

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| 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                               |

## COMING UP

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| 3/25 | Choir Rehearsal 7:00                                     |
| 3/28 | West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00                      |
| 4/1  | Choir Rehearsal 7:00                                     |
| 4/4  | 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

“Borning Cry”

David Christiansen

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

\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*THE PEACE

On our 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. 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 543

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

\*CLOSING PRAYER

Inspired by John 3:14-21

Let us rejoice: **God so loves the world!**

May God your Maker

send you back into the world with creative energies refreshed.

May Christ the Light

illuminate your darkest moments.

And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love  
guide you until we worship together again.

This day and forevermore. **Amen!**

*~ written by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel*

POSTLUDE

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Robert Powell

\*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. Kim Crowley  
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
 Lay Leader ..... Becky Ennis  
 Elders ..... Carl Schluter, E.J. Wingo  
 Deacons .....Kathy Habib, Debbie Cook  
 .....Debbie Derr, Cinda Caiella  
 Children’s Message.....Amanda Carlton  
 Worship & Wonder.....Carol Malla  
 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. If you are planning to attend or would like to carpool, please let Amanda Carlton know.

**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:** Many thanks to all of you who helped to supply the homeless with needed items. Another trip will be made to deliver the goods this coming week to the Blessing Warriors, which will help those at Camp Cathy tent city as well as the homeless in other parts of our tri-county area. Your caring concern depicts the loving heart of GRCC.

**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 12:1-4

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Psalms 121

John 3:1-17