



**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 15, 2020
Third 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 "Wayfaring Stranger" Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 95 (adapted)

(Leader) O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

***(Congregation)* Let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation;**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods.

**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

***OPENING HYMN 622** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance:

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Hear the Good News; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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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

The cares of our hearts,
The needs of our church,
The wounds of the world,
We entrust to you, O God.

For the hope that lifts us,
The joy that renews us,
The love that gives us life,
We give you thanks, O God.

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

With all our lives and all our holy
longings,

**We praise you and trust your love
for us, Creator, Redeemer,
Sustainer. Amen.**

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 95

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42

SERMON

“Stray Dog”

Rev. Nieporte

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

***HYMN 352**

“Spirit Song”

SPIRIT SONG

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

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

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
- Whitney Burton Meleski
- Lou and Laura Steele, friends of Amanda Carlton
- 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
- Susan Young, friend of Peggy & E.J. Wingo and Nancy Patterson and Carl Schluter
- Emmie Arno, granddaughter of Nancy and Ken Arno

*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

*Together with other churches in Richmond this **March**, we pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond.*

***March 15, 2020** - We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.*

(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

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

NEXT WEEK

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

COMING UP

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)
4/8	Choir Rehearsal 7:00
4/9	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00
4/11	West End Farmers' Market 9:00—12:00
4/12	Son Rise Worship Service 6:30 Easter Worship 11:00
5/30	Regional Assembly 10:00—4:00 (University of Lynchburg)

OFFERTORY “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Teresa Wilhelmi

***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 651** “My Life Flows On” HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

***BENEDICTION**

We are God's people loved and cherished

We go out in joy!

We are God's people called and challenged

We go out in joy!

We are God's people refreshed and forgiven

We go out in joy!

Go out to joyfully love and serve the Lord. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

“Marching to Zion”

Mark Hayes

***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. Dr. Bill Nieporte
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Lay Leader Anna McFarlane
 Elders Anna McFarlane, Mark Clements
 Deacons Radek Larew, Bill Malla
Carol Malla, Garrett Carlton
 Children’s Message.....David Koerner
 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!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

Today we welcome back Dr. Bill Nieporte. He is currently the chaplain at Medi Hospice Richmond. Prior to that he was a pastor, serving churches in Virginia and North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Stetson University, Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological. He is married to Jeana Murray-Nieporte and they have two adult children, Michael and Michelle. Bill can often be found doing Improv Comedy at Richmond's Comedy Sportz.

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.

Lectionary Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

Psalm 95

John 4:5-42