

The Gayton Kirk

June 28, 2026

11 AM Service



ROME—"THE LAST JUDGMENT," BY MICHAEL ANGELO, IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL

"The Last Judgment" by Michaelangelo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carson Rhyne

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Devon Laporre, piano

** Please rise in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Carson Rhyne

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;
God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

***HYMN # 694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Devon Laporre, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

Marion Brown

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

CONFESSION

Marion Brown

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And we yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children...

Lord, hear now the confessions that silence draws from our hearts...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Marion Brown

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Marion Brown

"Windows" by Richard Langston

I like the light that comes up
from down beyond the land.
I like the human light
yellow in windows.
The people moving about
in them. I like, too,
the way they amplify the light
beyond the land.
The way it will not last too long,
The way it will be extinguished by
another light we call the dark,
where everyone goes to recall
the light & the way it was,
among the fall of shadows.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tina Bechtle

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Tina Bechtle

Isaiah 55: 6-11

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Matthew 25: 1-13

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Parable Series: “The Ten Virgins”

Rev. Carson Rhyne

*HYMN # 735

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Devon Laporre, piano

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

CALL TO OFFERING

Janice Baldwin

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

We are invited to respond to God with our time, talents, and money.
Your offering can be placed in the offering plate long with prayers concerns
written on the card attached to the bulletin.

Financial offerings can also be made by mail to P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242
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OFFERTORY

Devon Laporre, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Janice Baldwin

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Carson Rhyne

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still, you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na!

Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na!

Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor continues in prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice. Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink the cup together.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Carson Rhyne

*HYMN # 362

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Devon Laporre, piano

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Carson Rhyne

POSTLUDE

Devon Laporre, piano

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Opening Prayer
Declaration of Quorum
Business to be transacted
Report of the PNC and recommendations
Vote on two motions
Recommendation to dissolve with thanks the PNC
Closing Prayer

Rev. Rhyne
Clerk Donelson
Rev. Rhyne
Elder Johns

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome all to worship today. If you are visiting and would like to know about the Gayton Kirk, please be in touch with the pastor or any member. Welcome!

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the conclusion of worship today, to hear the report of and act on the recommendations of the Pastor Nominating Committee concerning our new pastor.

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COVER ART "The Last Judgment" by Michaelangelo
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Judgment_\(Michelangelo\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Judgment_(Michelangelo))

LITURGY Presbyterian Outlook, Roger Gench, writer

IMAGINATIVE WORD "Windows" by Richard Langston
<https://nzpoetryshelf.com/2021/07/23/poetry-shelf-theme-season-thirteen-poems-about-light/>

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