

Introducing
The Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley
The Next Pastor of the Gayton Kirk

On Sunday, June 28, the congregation of the Gayton Kirk elected its third pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley. Rebekah will begin her service with us on September 1, 2026. Thanks be to God!

Get to Know Rebekah



The Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley is a theologian, feminist, and minister devoted to nurturing inclusive spiritual communities and empowering others to live into their sacred worth. She holds a Master of Divinity from Austin Theological seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in partnership with the University of Edinburgh. Her academic work centered on embodied faith and community formation.

Rebekah is a compelling preacher, rooted in conviction that the gospel calls us not to fortify silos but build bigger tables – especially when we have the privilege and resources to do so. Her feminism is expressed not only in her theology but in her lifestyle: collaborative, bold, and insistently hospitable.

She lives in joyful partnership with her devoted husband, Cameron, and together they parent three beautiful and spirited children.

Why Rebekah believes she and the Kirk are a good fit:

“I feel the draw of God's call to The Kirk in a myriad of ways: led by my passion for providing a place for all of God's children to worship, enjoy fellowship, and be loved. I see the Kin-dom of God in how The Kirk shows up as a 'church different', one that embodies the directive to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. I often call myself a professional pilgrim, someone who has dedicated their life to journeying in the Spirit both physically and spiritually, and I sense a kindred spirit within The Kirk that beckons me to lead and be led. I am thrilled to begin this adventure with you all!”



Why the Pastor Nominating Committee believes Rebekah and the Kirk are a good fit:

- ✚ She exudes joy!
- ✚ She loves worship and our different worship opportunities
- ✚ She is enthusiastic
- ✚ She is smart
- ✚ She is willing to try new things
- ✚ She is energetic
- ✚ She is approachable
- ✚ She is young
- ✚ She is progressive
- ✚ She is creative
- ✚ She is inclusive
- ✚ She is collaborative
- ✚ She has a relational preaching style
- ✚ She is excited about the possibilities at the Kirk!

