

The Gayton Kirk

August 9, 2026

11 AM Service



"The Good Samaritan" by Rembrandt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carson Rhyne

RINGING THE HOUR

Marion Brown

PRELUDE

Devon Laporre, piano

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Carson Rhyne

Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.

***HYMN # 620**

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Devon Laporre, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

Marion Brown

We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION

Marion Brown

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Marion Brown

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Marion Brown

“On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Meditate (Psalm 145)” by Mary Oliver

I know a man of such
mildness and kindness it is trying to
change my life. He does not
preach, teach, but simply is. It is
astonishing, for he is Christ’s ambassador
truly, by rule and act. But, more,

he is kind with the sort of kindness that shines
out, but is resolute, not fooled. He has
eaten the dark hours and could also, I think,
soldier for God, riding out
under the storm clouds, against the world’s pride and unkindness,
with both unassailable sweetness, and consoling word.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beverly Evans

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Evans

Leviticus 19: 33-37

³³ “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. ³⁵ “You shall not cheat in measuring length, weight, or quantity. ³⁶ You shall have honest balances, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ³⁷ You shall keep all my statutes and all my ordinances and observe them: I am the Lord.”

Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Parable Series 8: “The Good Samaritan”

Rev. Carson Rhyne

***HYMN # 686**

“God of our Life”

Devon Laporre, piano

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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.

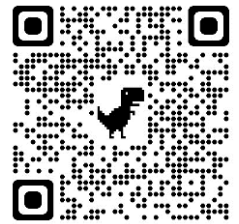
CALL TO OFFERING

Sally Wambold

All God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

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 or donate by PayPal on The Kirk's website www.thegaytonkirk.org or scan the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Devon Laporre, piano

*DOXOLOGY # 606

Devon Laporre, piano

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Sally Wambold

Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated by the arrangement style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first two lines are identical: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.' The third line begins with 'Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.' followed by 'Ho-san - na!'. The fourth line continues with 'Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na!'. The fifth line begins with 'Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!'. The sixth line continues with 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'. The seventh line is a single note, likely a final cadence. The eighth line is a single note, likely a final cadence.

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. I Corinthians 11: 23-26

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Carson Rhyne

*HYMN # 824

"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"

Devon Laporre, piano

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Carson Rhyne

POSTLUDE

Devon Laporre, piano

(During the postlude, meditate and pray about your worship experience today)

TOWNHALL MEETING

The Kirk's Finances

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!

On August 16, 9:30 AM, will be a class for Inquirers/New Members to learn more about The Kirk and membership.

On August 16, all three services will have a time of commitment and preparation for transition to our new pastor.

For a copy of our weekly newsletter, *Kirk Happenings*, please go to thegaytonkirk.org, scroll down the website's front page, and click the box that says, "Kirk Happenings." You can also find our weekly calendar in the Kirk Happenings or online at <https://thegaytonkirk.org/calendar/>

COVER ART "The Good Samaritan" by Rembrandt
<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/364148>

LITURGY Presbyterian Outlook, Teri Ott

IMAGINATIVE WORD "On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Meditate (Psalm 145)" by Mary Oliver
<https://fivepoints.gsu.edu/excerpt/on-thy-wondrous-works-i-will-meditate-10-1-2/>

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