



Second Presbyterian Church

We are . . .
a family of Christians,
called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE,
to care for one another,
AND TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST
in our community and throughout the world.

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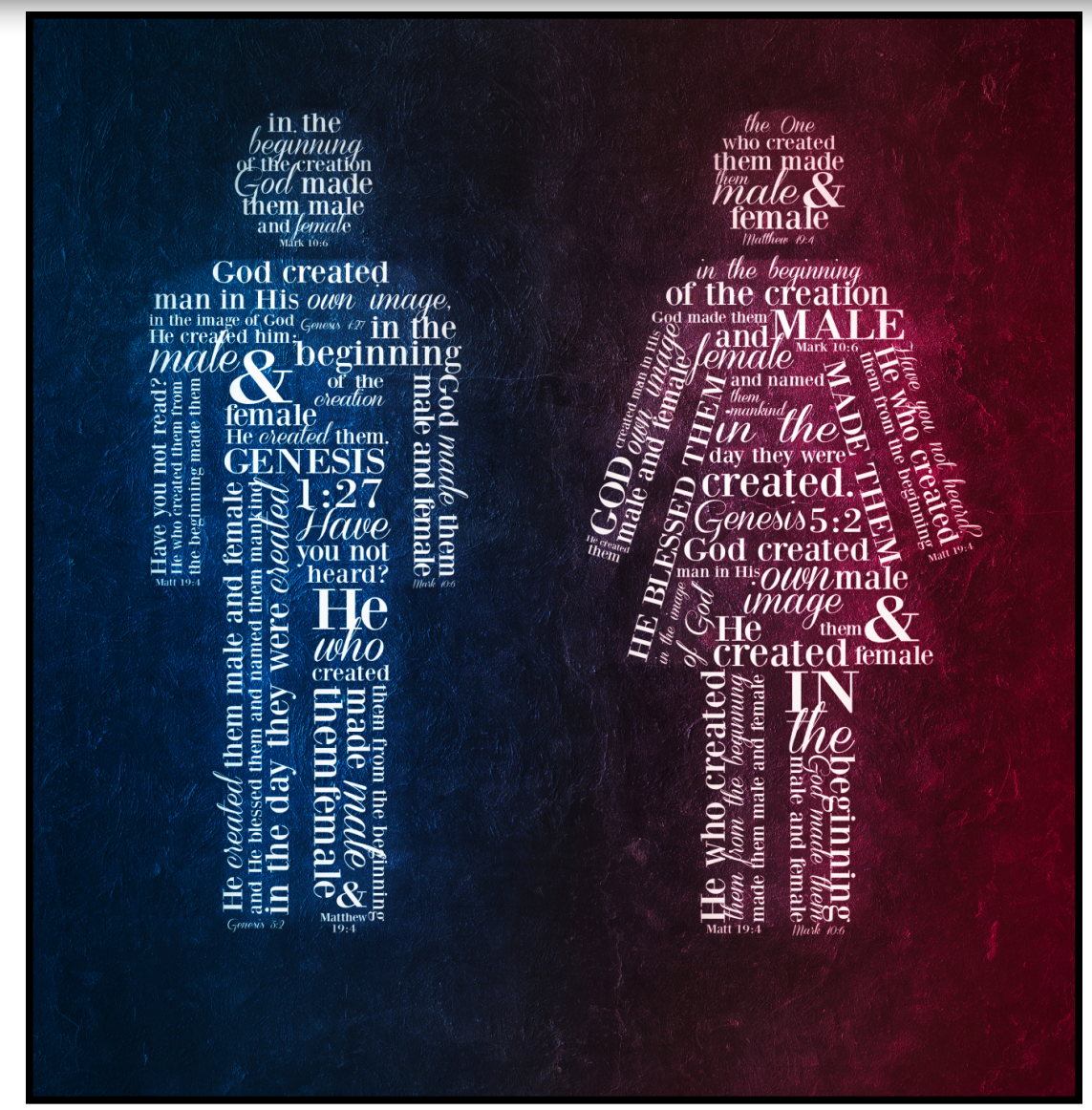
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Our pastor since 2010, Dr. Craig Wansink received his Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University, after having graduated from seminary in Chicago, and having studied at universities in Japan, Jordan, Germany, and Israel. Since 1993 he has been a Professor of Religious Studies at Virginia Wesleyan College. Craig is married to Nancy Chapman, and his two children – Katrina and Teddy – are college students.

Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2016. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk with their three children, Whitley, Hart, and Alden.

Isaac Thomas, our Minister of Music, Outreach and Technology, joined the SPC staff in 2014. He received his education at John Brown University and The University of Texas at Arlington. He is a published composer and has served as conductor for Twila Paris and Fernando Ortega. He is a recent graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary in the Commissioned Lay Pastor program. Additionally, he recently completed a six week piano course through The Juilliard School with Dr. Michael Shinn, Chair of Keyboard Studies.

THE CONTROVERSIAL BEGINNING OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS
“Made in the Image of God”
Second Presbyterian Church, June 18, 2017



“Michelangelo lingered before a rough block of marble so long that his companion remonstrated. In reply, Michelangelo said. ‘There’s an angel in that block and I am going to liberate him.’ Oh, what unbounding love would manifest itself in us towards the most unlovable – the most vile – if only we saw what they might become and in our enthusiasm for souls, we cried out, ‘There’s the image of Christ – marred, scarred, well-nigh obliterated – in that dear fellow and I’m going to make that man conscious of it.’”
—A. E. Richardson

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we all are family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome!

— **We Gather in God's Name** —

GATHERING MUSIC “Madre de la Tierra”—Music by David Lanz

WELCOME

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Only a Memory”—Music by Yanni Chryssomállis

OPENING PRAYER (inspired by Genesis 1)

Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;
You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.
Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, and through us, and in our world.
Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning, where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation, experiencing all possibilities in You. Amen.

***HYMN #574** “How Great is Our God”

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #777 (vv. 1 & 3)** “God is So Good”—Traditional

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, he's so good to me.
God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God answers prayer, he's so good to me.

— **We Hear the Word** —

TIME OF DISCOVERY #768 “Halle, Halle, Halle”—Traditional Caribbean Song

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For those desiring childcare, the nursery is available during the service for children five years of age and younger. In addition, there is a “family room” available at the back of the sanctuary

“No matter how unloved you have felt in the past, no matter how lost you feel in your sin, God knew all that when he chose you – and he wants you anyway.”
—Wayne Jacobsen

“Sin comes when we take a perfectly natural desire or longing or ambition and try desperately to fulfill it without God. Not only is it sin, it is a perverse distortion of the image of the Creator in us. All these good things, and all our security, are rightly found only and completely in him.”
—Augustine

CHORAL ANTHEM “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

—Words by Mrs. C.F. Alexander; Music by John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:4-7, 18-25

SERMON “Made in the Image of God”

—Dr. Craig Wansink & Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe

HYMN (See Insert) “I am As God Created Me”—Words and Music by Michael Stillwater

— **We Respond to God's Word** —

If you have a request you would like the congregation to pray for, please fill out a prayer request form (found in the friendship register) and place it in the offering plate. We will include that request in the bulletin for a month, unless you request for us to leave it longer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

(Those who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary in June will be invited up front for a blessing.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Return to the Heart”—Music by David Lanz

***THE DOXOLOGY #965** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

—Words by Thomas Ken; Music by Louis Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

God, take these offerings, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical—in our world and in ourselves—and thus may we always seek to be blessings to others. Amen.

***HYMN (See Insert)** “Simple Gifts”—Words by Joseph Brackett; Traditional Shaker Song

— **We Are Sent in Christ's Name** —

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in you generous friends. Go into the world, blessed by the guidance of God, the humility of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE** “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”—Arranged by David Angerman

“Just think—you are here not by chance but by God's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else; you are one of a kind. You lack nothing that His grace can't give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation. You are God's servant in God's place at God's perfect time.”
—Roy Lessin

As you leave Second, know that God calls you beyond these walls, to serve Christ and others in your daily life.