

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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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.

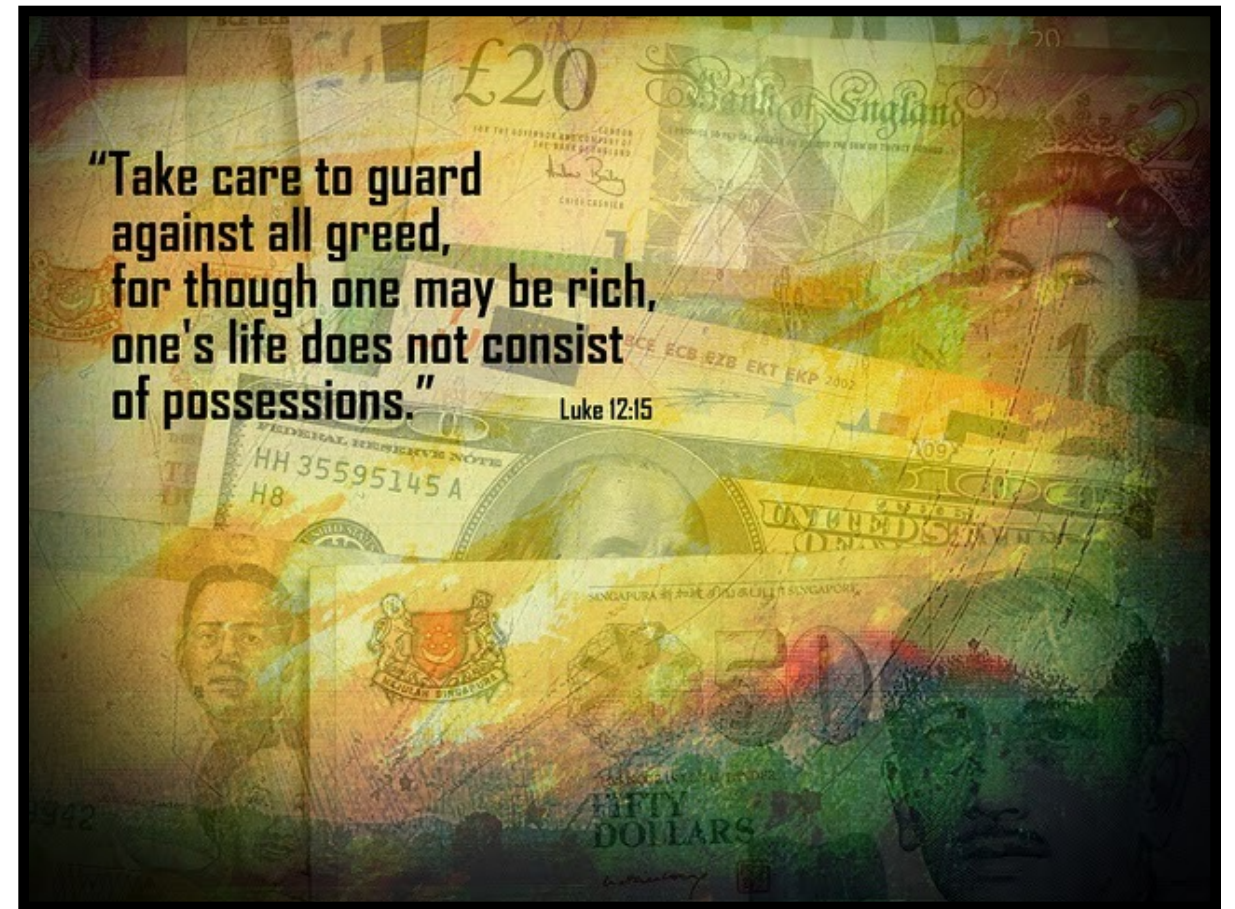
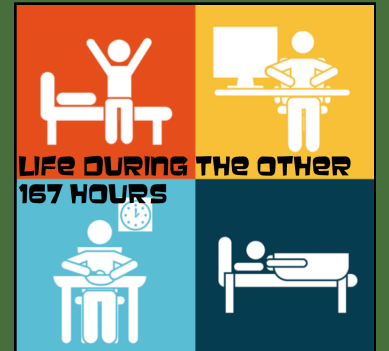
Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2016. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk with their three children, Whitley, Hart, and Alden.

Isaac Thomas, our Pastor 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 contemporary Christian recording artists Twila Paris and Fernando Ortega. He is a recent graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary via the Commissioned Lay Pastor program. Additionally, he recently completed a six-week piano course through The Juilliard School under the instruction of Dr. Michael Shinn, Chair of Keyboard studies.

LIFE DURING THE OTHER 167 HOURS

“When Consumerism and Christ Meet:
 Shopping with a Different Purpose”

Second Presbyterian Church, October 15, 2017



—We Gather in God's Name —

GATHERING MUSIC “He Hideth My Soul/In the Shadow of the Almighty”
 —Music by William J. Kirkpatrick; Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis

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.

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!

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”
—Augustine

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

—Music by Thomas J. Williams; Arranged by Lee Dengler

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

**Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN #2** “O Worship the King”

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (based on Matthew 25:14-30)

Lord God, we confess to you our sin:

those things which have hurt others and which offend you.

Forgive us for not investing your gifts wisely. We have been negligent with the time and energy you have given us – often spending it all on ourselves while others have had to do more than their share of helping and caring.

We confess, O Lord, that through fear, greed, or ignorance, we have not always used what you have given us in a faithful and responsible manner.

Forgive us for being satisfied with sharing so little with those who are in need, while spending so much, not only on our needs, but also on our desires. Forgive us for when we have buried our talents and failed to work with all that you have given us. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #903** “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

—Words and Music by Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community, France

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

God will forgive you in your failure. God will accept you as you are.

God can make you who you were meant to be. This is the Good News of the Gospel.

Amen.

— We Hear the Word —

TIME OF DISCOVERY #26 (vv. 1 & 6) “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”—Traditional Spiritual

He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got everybody here in his hands. He’s got everybody here in his hands.

He’s got everybody here in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.

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.

“Greed is based on the mathematical truism that the more you get, the more you have. The remark of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive is based on the human truth that the more you give away in love, the more you are. It is not just for the sake of other people that Jesus tells us to give rather than get, but for our own sakes, too.”
—Frederick Buechner

In what ways is your life similar to that of the man in the parable? What concrete things might you do differently?

CHORAL ANTHEM “This is My Father’s World”

—Words by Maltbie D. Babcock; Music by Franklin L. Sheppard; Arranged by Cindy Berry

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of sky and seas; His hands the wonders wrought. This is my Father’s world. The birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker’s praise. This is my Father’s world. He shines in all that’s fair. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass. He speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. He is the Ruler yet. This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done. Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one. This is my Father’s world.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 49 Luke 12:13-21

SERMON “When Consumerism and Christ Meet: Shopping with a Different Purpose”

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #286 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

— 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.

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

OFFERTORY “I Sing Praises”—Music by Terry MacAlmon

***THE DOXOLOGY #961** “Glory Be to the Father”

—Words: *Gloria Patri*; Music from Henry W. Greatorex’ *Collection*, 1851

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***PRAYER OF PETITION**

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.

Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you. Amen.

***HYMN #933** “Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing”

— We Are Sent in Christ’s Name —

***BENEDICTION** (based on Matthew 25:14-30)

May Almighty God give you the courage to serve him and others with all that is in you, and may he bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “We Bow Down”—Music by Twila Paris

The flowers today are given by Suellen White in honor of Bayleigh White’s birthday.

Do you *really* need to buy that thing or to spend money on that experience? If you do need to buy it, how does that purchase reflect your faith and values? Seriously, do you *really* need it?

"Consumerism, as a character-cultivating way of life, encourages the least attractive human traits—avarice [which is another word for greed], aggression, and self-centeredness."
—Mark Medley

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”
—James 1:17

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