

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 University, where he also serves as the Brock Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom. 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 completed a six-week piano course through The Juilliard School under the instruction of Dr. Michael Shinn, Chair of Keyboard studies.

AMERICAN IDOLS: OVERCOMING 7 OF OUR MOST FAVORITE SINS



*"Godliness Combined with Contentment":
 Beyond Greed*

Second Presbyterian Church, February 18, 2018

Greed is not a financial
 issue. It's a heart issue.

Andy Stanley

quizzfancy

— We Gather in God's Name —

GATHERING MUSIC *"I Giorni"* (The Days)—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

WELCOME

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

***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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*—Music by John Bacchus Dykes; Arranged by David Brent Tallent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share. Amen.

***HYMN #399** *"Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants"*

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

In this world of plenty, Lord God, we have denied the goodness that we enjoy, and have forgotten how to be grateful, making ourselves miserable and hurting others.

Forgive us, Gracious God.

Remind us, O Lord, of all the good things that we have received.

Remind us how to enjoy the blessings we experience.

Remind us that giving is a source of pleasure and plenty.

Remind us that there can be enough to go around.

Teach us to follow Christ in the ways of love, self-giving and compassion.

Forgive us for not putting you first. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #907** *"Be Still and Know"*—Words: Psalm 46:10; Music: Anonymous

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us.

In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us.

We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently,

called to live as new people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

— We Hear the Word —

TIME OF DISCOVERY *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

—Words by Clarence Herbert Woolston; Music by George Frederick Root

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Be Thou My Vision"*

—Words: 8th century Irish; Music: Traditional Irish Melody; Arranged by Dan Forrest

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still by my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

SERMON

"Godliness Combined with Contentment": Beyond Greed

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #132 *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

— We Respond to God's Word —

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.

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.

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

OFFERTORY *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*—Music by Lowell Mason; Arranged by Jay Rouse

***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. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (inspired by 1 John)

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Jesus.

We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth.

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #944 (vs. 1)** *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

— We Are Sent in Christ's Name —

***BENEDICTION**

Let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity, sharing what you have been given with those in need, storing up your treasure in heaven instead of here on earth. May the blessing of God strengthen you in every good word and deed. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE** *"God Will Take Care of You"*—Music by W. Stillman Martin

"Greed is a strange, strange sin. All you want to do is acquire. Acquire money, acquire material, acquire time, acquire energy, acquire attention. The running mantra is 'I want, I want, I want,' but that quickly turn to 'I need, I need, I need.'" —Fisher Amelie

"Thankfulness creates gratitude, which generates contentment, that causes peace." —Todd Stocker

As you leave Second, live each day, by leaving a meaningful legacy for your life: Be rich toward God.

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!

"People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. The reason why the world is in chaos, is because things are being loved and people are being used." —Author unknown

"Greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction." —Erich Fromm