

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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*Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Catherine also serves as the chaplain for University Presbyterian Ministries at Old Dominion University. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk with their three children, Whitley, Hart, and Alden.*

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**SUMMER VACATION STORIES: TRAVELING THROUGH EXODUS**

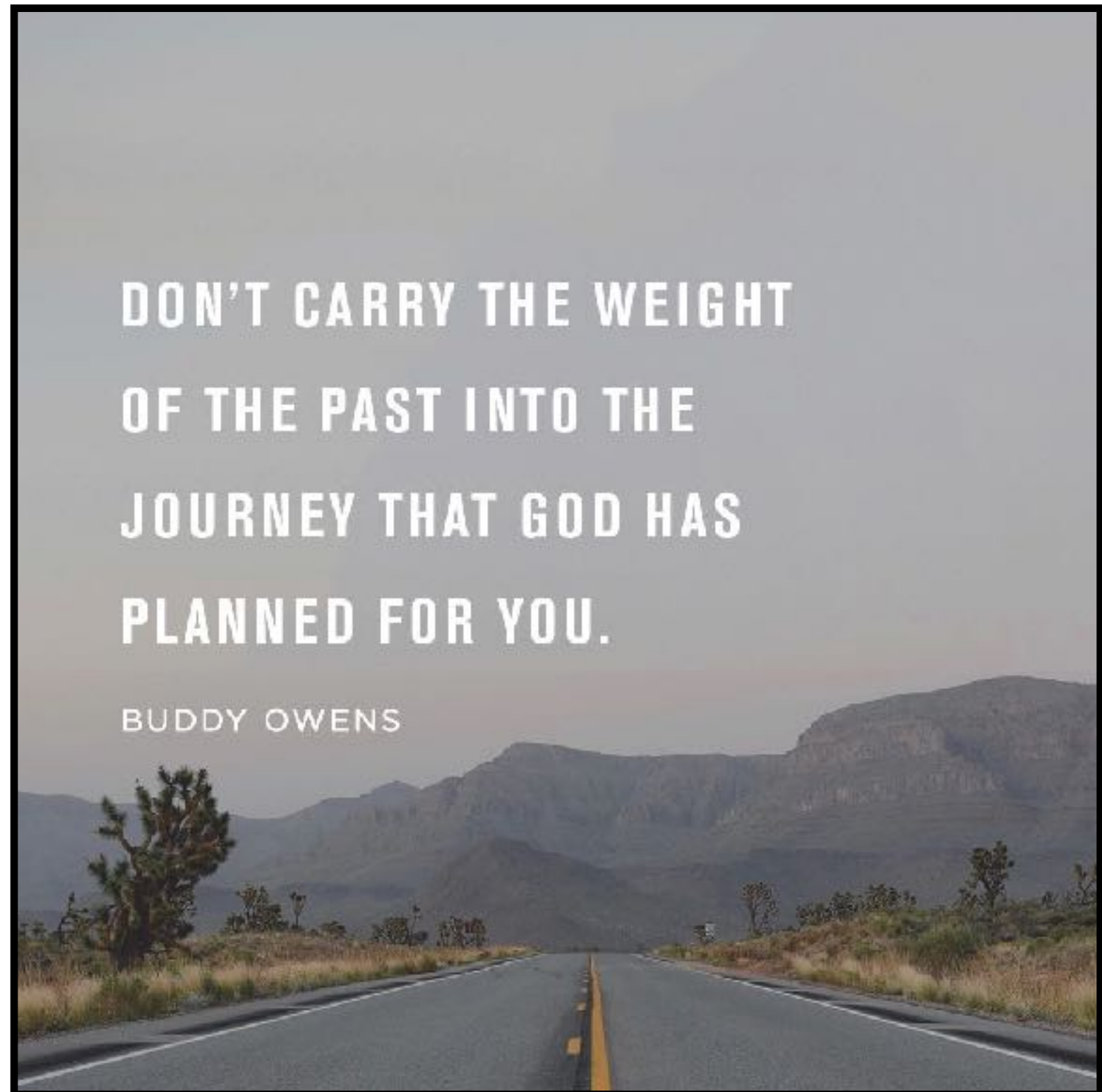


“OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO:  
 SETTING A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE”

*Second Presbyterian Church, August 12, 2018*

**DON'T CARRY THE WEIGHT  
 OF THE PAST INTO THE  
 JOURNEY THAT GOD HAS  
 PLANNED FOR YOU.**

**BUDDY OWENS**



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!

“Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God; and only he who sees take off his shoes, the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.”  
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

“Kid, you'll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!”  
—Dr. Seuss,  
*Oh, The Places You Will Go!*

— ***We Gather in God's Name*** —

**GATHERING MUSIC** “*El Shaddai*” (God Almighty)—Music by Michael Card and John Thompson

## 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.

## RINGING THE CHIMES

**PRELUDE** “*Selah*” (a break or pause)—Music by Steve Green and Phil Naish

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

Our joy comes from the heart of God, **who reveals to us the One who brings us new life and transforms us into givers of hope!**

\***HYMN #498** “*Our Help is in the Name of God the Lord*”

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, we pray for our broken world and our own brokenness.**

**We seek forgiveness for where we have failed one another, for where we have turned our backs and focused on ourselves.**

**We seek forgiveness for the times we have been quick to criticize and condemn instead of listening and speaking with compassion.**

**Help us to hear your wisdom, to die to the ways of the world, and to live for You. Amen.**

\***MUSICAL RESPONSE #366 (vs.1)** “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*”

—Words by William R. Featherstone; Music by Adoniram J. Gordon

***My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.***

### \*WORDS OF GRACE

It's not money, **but our generosity with it;**

it is not power, **but our willingness to humble ourselves;**

it is not our efforts, **but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.**

Through the mercy and grace of God, **our hearts, our lives, and our spirits are made new.**

You are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— ***We Hear the Word*** —

**TIME OF DISCOVERY** “*Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*”—Words: Anonymous; Music by Carey Bonner

***Praise him, praise him, all ye little children! God is love! God is love!***

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*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.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:7-12

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## SERMON

“Oh, the Places You'll Go: Setting a Course for Adventure”

—Dr. Craig Wansink

**HYMN (See Insert)** “*Lead Me, Lord*”—Words and Music by Wayne Goodine and Elizabeth Goodine

— ***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** “*Life*”—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

\***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 (from the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563)**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\***HYMN #927** “*God, the Father of Your People*”

— ***We Are Sent in Christ's Name*** —

### \*BENEDICTION

May peace with the past and faith in the future gently guide you on your journey through each precious moment of today.

**Amen.**

\***POSTLUDE** “*Your Grace is Enough*”—Music by Matt Maher

“The tragedy of our wilderness experience is not that we have to go through grief and suffering—but that we often miss the blessings from burning bushes—the things through which God speaks.”  
—Jamie Buckingham

“The voice from the bush is the voice that whispers to you. It reminds you that God is not finished with you yet. Oh, you may think he is. You may think you've peaked. You may think he's got someone else to do the job. If so, think again. 'God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again.'”  
—Max Lucado

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