

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.

*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.*

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

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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. 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.*

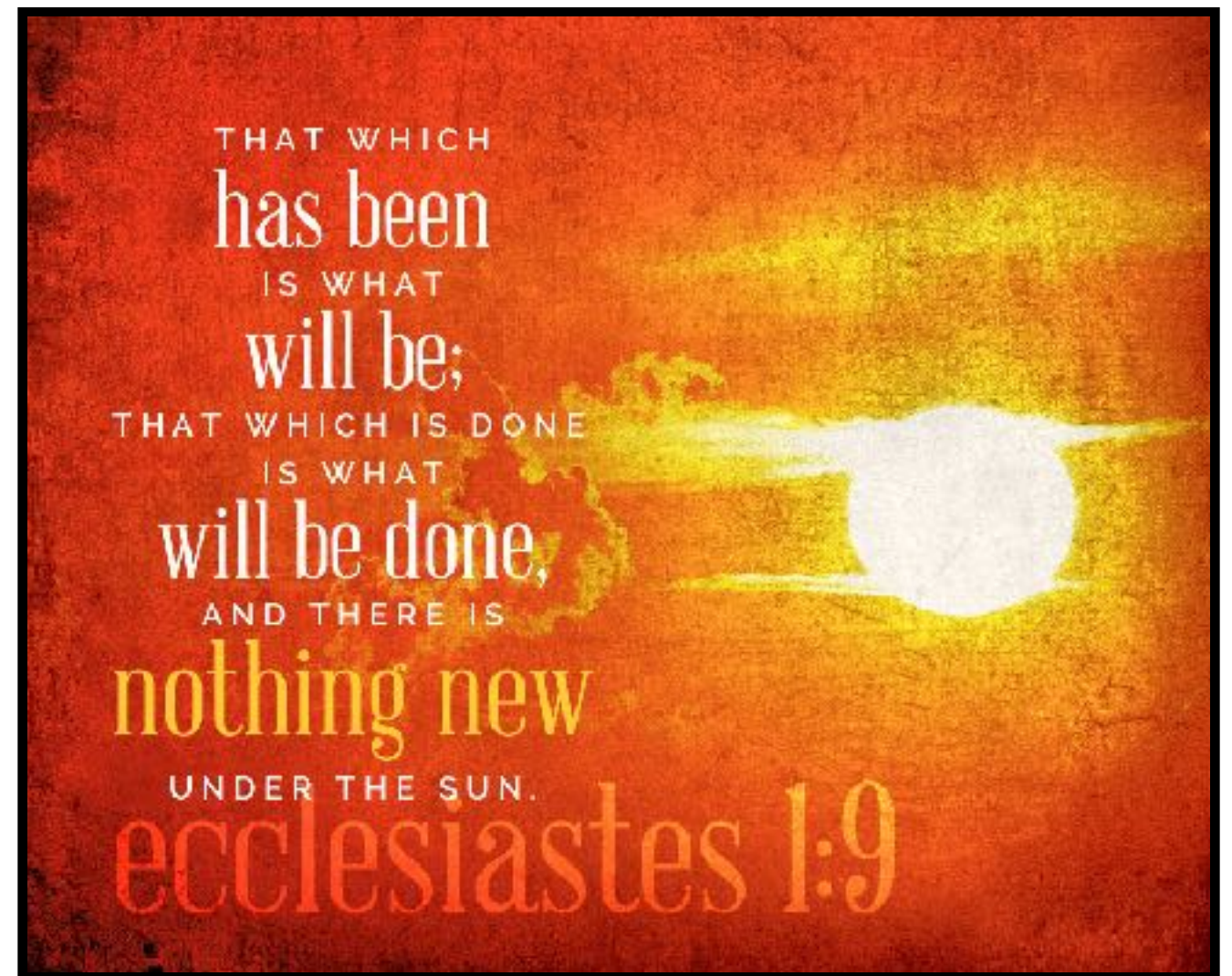
*Isaac Thomas, our Pastor of Music, Outreach, and Technology, joined the SPC staff in 2014. He received his education at John Brown University and The University of Texas at Arlington. He is a published composer and has served as conductor for contemporary Christian recording artists Twila Paris and Fernando Ortega. He is a 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.*

*Ecclesiastes: Finding a Meaningful Life When the World Feels Meaningless*



**"STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR"**

*Second Presbyterian Church, October 7, 2018*



— We Gather in God's Name —

**GATHERING MUSIC** "Dukes"—Music by Stephan Moccio

**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 worshippers, 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.

“My heart is restless, unless it finds rest in you.”  
—Augustine

## RINGING THE CHIMES

**PRELUDE** *“Burning”*—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

### OPENING PRAYER OF HOPE

**O Lord, open our eyes, that we may see the needs of others—the sick, the lonely, the lost, the hurt. Open our ears, that we may hear their cries. Open our hearts that they need not be without help. Show us where love and hope are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Open our eyes and ears that this day we may do some work of peace for you. Amen.**

\***HYMN (See Insert)** *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God, You have called us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to a lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, legalistic than loving. Forgive us and remove the obstacles that prevent us from being your representatives to a broken world. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\***MUSICAL RESPONSE # 631** *“Holy God”*—Traditional Orthodox Liturgy

*Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy and immortal God, have mercy upon us.*

### \*WORDS OF GRACE

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now—accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**Thanks be to God.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

**TIME OF DISCOVERY # 709 (vs. 1)** *“Jesus Loves Me”*

—Words by Anna B. Warner; Music by William B. Bradbury

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

### CHORAL ANTHEM *“Creation Will Be at Peace”*

—Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Anna Laura Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;*

*in the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace. (Repeat stanza)*

*The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,*

*their young will play together; a little child will lead.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;*

*in the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace.*

*The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.*

*They will war no more. A child will lead them all.*

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;*

*in the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace.*

Three Old Testament Books are said to have been written by Solomon: The Song of Solomon, when he was a young man; Proverbs, when he was a middle-aged man; and Ecclesiastes, in the twilight years of his life.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 (page 614-615; large print page 754-755)

**SERMON** “Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” —Dr. Craig Wansink

**HYMN # 859** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

— *We Respond to God’s Word* —

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

**OFFERTORY** *“October”*—Music by Stephan Moccio

\***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.*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are invited to come down the center aisle, take bread (or a gluten-free cracker),*

*and dip it in the cup (grape juice) and return using the outside aisle.*

*Please tell an usher if you wish to be served in your pew.*

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** *“Life”*—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

\***PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

\***HYMN # 858** *“God Be in My Head”*

— *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.

**Amen.**

\***POSTLUDE** *“Experience”*—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

The Hebrew word for vanity is the word “hebel.” Hebel means meaningless ... worthless....or without value. Solomon uses that word “hebel” five times in Ecclesiastes 1:2. He then uses it thirty-eight more times throughout the rest of Ecclesiastes.

As you receive the elements, you may wish to receive them in silence or say words like “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

“As Ecclesiastes tells it, a wholesale devotion to pleasure will, paradoxically, lead to a state of utter despair.”  
—Philip Yancey

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