

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 Joan P. and Macon F. Brock, Jr. 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.

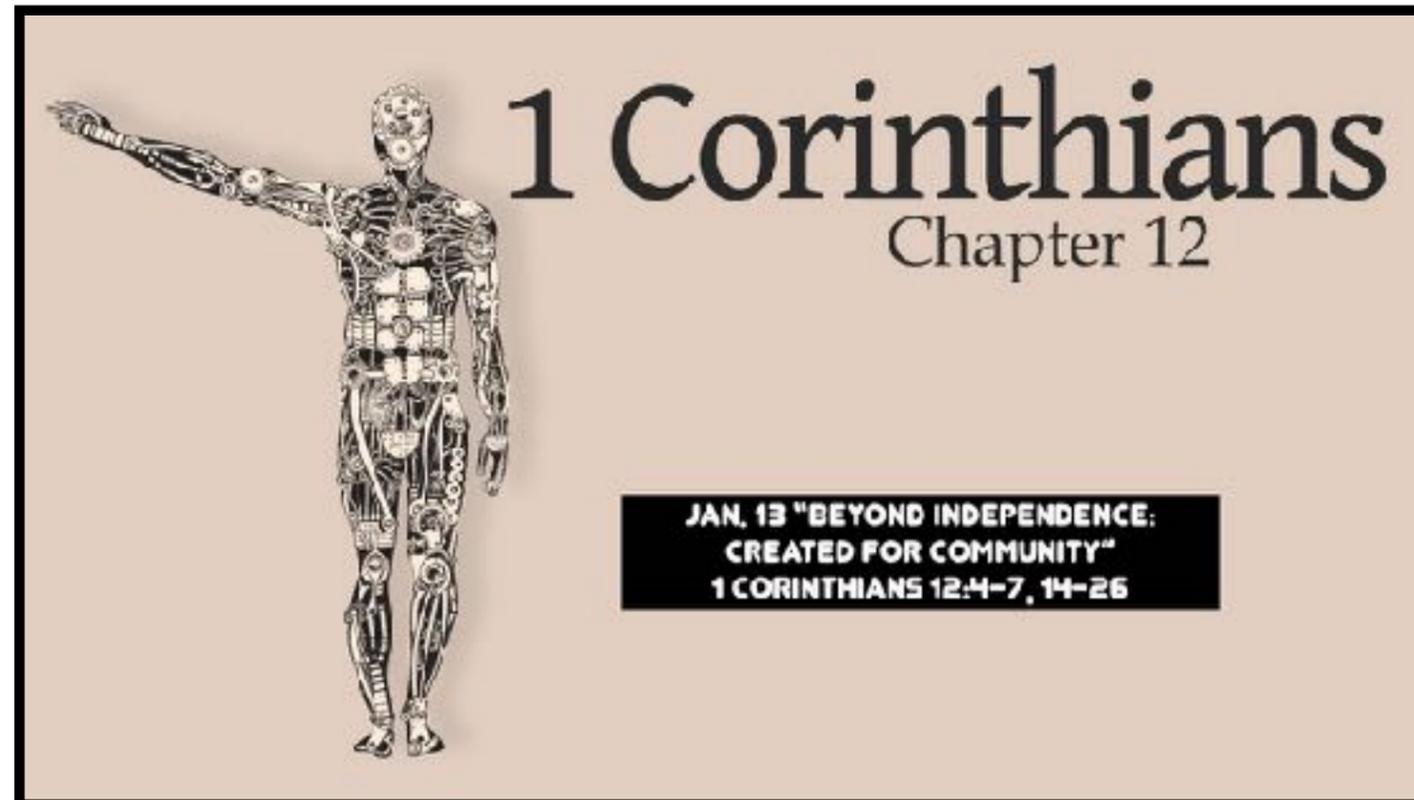
Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Catherine also serves as the chaplain for University Presbyterian Ministries at Old Dominion University. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk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

SHAPED BY SUNDAY: HOW WORSHIP SHOULD CHANGE YOUR DAILY LIFE

"BEYOND INDEPENDENCE: CREATED FOR COMMUNITY"

Second Presbyterian Church, January 13, 2019



"Community is love you can see and smell and touch... Community is the invitation to be a mess when you need to be. Community is the joyful embrace of your complicated story. Community is the e-mail or phone call or text message that says, "I'm thinking about you, even when you are away." And community is the grace-filled invitation to always return to a place, no matter how wrecked you might be. And if community is grace-with-a-heartbeat... the biggest barrier to community will be you. Because in order to receive the grace of authentic community, we will have to believe we are worthy of receiving it."

—Kelly Flanagan

Welcome!
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.

“A Christian
community
should do as Jesus
did: propose and
not impose. Its
attraction must lie
in the radiance
cast by the love of
brothers.”
—Jean Vanier

“Christian
community is the
place where we
keep the flame of
hope alive among
us and take it
seriously so that it
can grow and
become stronger
in us.”
—Henri Nouwen

—We Gather in God's Name —

GATHERING MUSIC “Blessed Assurance”

—Music by Phoebe P. Knapp; Arranged by Lari Goss

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 “Beautiful Savior”—Music by Hoffmann Von Fallersleben; Arranged by Jay Rouse

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, silence all voices within our minds but your own.

Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,

that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN #1 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to a lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #63 “Holy God”—Traditional Orthodox Liturgy

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

*WORDS OF GRACE

If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven.

Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

— We Hear the Word —

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

*Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

CHORAL ANTHEM “Praise! Praise!”

—Words & Arrangement by Patrick Liebergen; Music by Georg Frideric Händel (1685-1759)

Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord, give praise to the Lord. Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all, for the Lord, for the Lord comes to all. Praise, praise! Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise, resound joyful praise. Let every nation give thanks to our God, rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all, O rejoice, praise the Lord and give thanks. The glory and power of God we proclaim, and sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name. Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord, rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all, O give praise, give the Lord joyful praise.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 2:18-25, (page 2; large print, page 3)

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 14-26 (page 174, 175; large print, page 212)

SERMON

“Beyond Independence: Created for Community”

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #757 “O Word of God Incarnate”

— We Respond to God's Word —

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

OFFERTORY “Variations on ‘Pisgah’”—Music by J.C. Lowry; Arranged by Joseph Martin

*THE DOXOLOGY #881 “Use These gifts”—Words and Music by Ken Medema

Use these gifts to lift the lowly. Use these gifts to raise the humble.

Use these gifts to feed the hungry. Guide us on your way.

Use these gifts to show the nations what it means to find salvation.

Use these gifts and those who give them. Make us yours, O God, we pray.

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.

*HYMN #256 “They'll Know We Are Christians”

— We Are Sent in Christ's Name —

*BENEDICTION

Recognize that you are called by God, and you are not alone. Be strengthened by others, by those around you, by those who—though very different from you—recognize that there is a need for you to serve in this world. 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 “I Sing Praises”—Music by Terry MacAlmon

“God's ultimate
purpose for
humanity is to call
together a
community whose
life will reflect his
own.”
—Jeremy Begbie

“If you want to go
quickly, go alone.
If you want to go
far, go together.”
—African Proverb

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