

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.

2018 SPC SESSION AND MINISTRY TEAMS

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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.

**FEB. 17 "BEYOND SUPERFICIAL MEANING:
 USING CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS TO SHAPE LIFE"
 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

FOOLISH?

SHAPED BY SUNDAY:

HOW WORSHIP SHOULD CHANGE YOUR DAILY LIFE

— We Gather in God's Name —

GATHERING MUSIC

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.

Isaac Thomas, piano

Welcome!
 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.

Oswald Chambers wrote: "All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning." When we take the cross seriously, our lives can't help but be transformed.

"But God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."
—Romans 5:8

"Jesus chose to die because he believed that he had to if the world was to be saved. Thus the cross stands for the best that human beings can do as well as for the worst."
—Frederick Buechner

RINGING THE CHIMES

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

PRELUDE "*Praeludium in G*"—Music by Nikolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)
Dr. James Kosnik, organ

OPENING SENTENCES

We follow Christ, **who says take up your cross.**
We follow Christ, **who bids us come and offer our lives.**
We follow Christ, **who summons us to new life.**

***HYMN #742 (vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5)** "*Will You Come and Follow Me?*" (The Summons)

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Set us free from our past; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #623 (vs. 1)** "*God, Be Merciful to Me*"

—Words from the Psalter; Music by Richard Redhead
***God, be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.***

*WORDS OF GRACE

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
God has shown his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY #26 "*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 wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.***

CHORAL ANTHEM "*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*"

—Words and Music by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); Arranged by Carl F. Mueller
Dr. James Kosnik, organ
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne. Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings, where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure, Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (page 166; large print, page 202)

SERMON "Beyond Superficial Meaning: Using Christian Symbols to Shape Life"
—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #780 "*I Love You, Lord, Today*"

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

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.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Donna Bortell, Tom Cherry, Elisabeth Sawyer, Kathy Stark

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

OFFERTORY "*Hymn to Joy*"

—Music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); Setting composed by James W. Kosnik
Dr. James Kosnik, organ

***THE DOXOLOGY #961** "*Glory Be to the Father*"—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.***

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

**We affirm that when God dies, it is a time to trust:
to trust that the sunrise can crush darkness,
that song can break through the silence, and
that alleluias can be shouted in graveyards.
We affirm that when God dies,
it is time to trust that this is not the end. Amen.**

***HYMN #264 (vv. 1 & 4)** "*Lift High the Cross*"

— *We Are Sent in Christ's Name* —

*BENEDICTION

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE "*Fanfare*"—Music by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)
Dr. James Kosnik, organ

"We may not preach a crucified Savior without being also crucified men and women. It is not enough to wear an ornamental cross as a pretty decoration. The cross that Paul speaks about was burned into his very flesh, was branded into his being, and only the Holy Spirit can burn the true cross into our innermost life."
—A. B. Simpson

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