

— We Are Sent in Christ's Name —

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go now, be free from this world.
 Live in readiness for the in-breaking of the Kingdom.
 And may God be your haven;
 May Christ give you courage for his mission;
 And may the Spirit embrace you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"—Music by Andraé Crouch

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

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.

2019 SPC SESSION AND MINISTRY TEAMS

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DISCIPLESHIP
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 Ben Foster, Ann Byrd Porter, &
 Donna Bortell

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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, in 2017 he completed a six-week piano course through The Juilliard School under the instruction of Dr. Michael Shinn, Chair of Keyboard Studies.

MUSIC TO SHAPE YOUR SOUL

"LET MY PEOPLE GO"

Second Presbyterian Church, June 16, 2019



DIXIELAND, SPIRITUALS,
 TAIZE, AND HYMNAL PALOOZA:
**MUSIC TO SHAPE
 YOUR SOUL**

— *We Gather in God's Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

—Music by Charles H. Gabriel; Arranged by Jay Rouse

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

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

PRELUDE *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”*—Traditional Spiritual; Arranged by Teresa Wilhelmi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

the Maker of heaven and earth,

who comes to our aid in times of need,

who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,

who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us

and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord. Amen.

***HYMN # 138** *“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”*

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner.

The power of fear and rage surround us.

Forgive our complacency, in the face of evil.

The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us.

Forgive our lack of notice, in the presence of your holiness.

The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of grace is breath-taking.

Forgive our lack of movement, when we fail to accept your grace

and enter into new life.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE # 439 (vs. 1)** *“I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry”*

—Words by Isaac Watts; Music by Richard Smallwood

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pitied every groan.

Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.

***WORDS OF GRACE** (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Hear the good news: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY # 26 (vs. 1) *“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”* —Traditional Spiritual

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

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 *“Soon and Very Soon”* —Words and Music by Andraé Crouch

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! (repeat)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! No more dying there, we are going to see the King. No more dying there, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Soon and very soon!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 8:1-15

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SERMON

“Let My People Go”

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN # 119 (vv. 1, 2, & 3) *“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”*—Traditional Spiritual

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: Jan Gower and Mitch Todd

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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.

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

OFFERTORY *“Go Down Moses (Let My People Go)/Wade in the Water”*

—Traditional Spirituals; Arranged by Larry Shackley

***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.

***HYMN # 930 (vv. 1 & 2)** *“This Little Light of Mine”*—Traditional Spiritual

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

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!

“I freed a thousand slaves. I could have freed a thousand more, if only they knew they were slaves.”
—Harriet Tubman

“Lord, I'm going to hold steady on to you, and you've got to see me through.”
—Harriet Tubman

“The first duty of every soul is to find not its freedom but its Master.”
—Peter T. Forsythe

“The great paradox of faith is that we find our perfect freedom only when we become slaves – slaves to God...In the ancient world, slaves judged their self-worth in relation to the importance of their masters. The greater the social status of a master, the greater the esteem of the slave. Christians are slaves of the greatest and kindest master of all.”
—Alistair McGrath

“When we surrender every area of our lives—including our finances—to God, then we are free to trust Him to meet our needs. But if we would rather hold tightly to those things that we possess, then we find ourselves in bondage to those very things.”
—Larry Burkett