

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

SUPER HEROES: ORDINARY GIFTS, EXTRAORDINARY CALLING


“WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY”:

SPIDERMAN’S ORIGIN AND OUR CALLING TO STEWARDSHIP

Second Presbyterian Church, August 25, 2019

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Spider-Man (Spider-Verse Collection)
Jason Oakes, Artist
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“Some people say, ‘God will not ask me to do anything that I am not able to do.’ God always asks you to do things you cannot do. He is not interested in revealing your devotion to Him to a watching world, by giving you things you know you can do. He doesn’t take an inventory of your gifts and abilities. He looks at your life to see if you have an obedient heart and are willing to let Him express His presence and His power through your life.”
—Henry Blackaby

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!

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.”
—Alice Walker

“The greatest evil is not done in those sordid ‘dens of crime’ that Dickens loved to paint...it is conceived and... moved, seconded, carried, in clean, carpeted, warmed, and well-lighted offices, by quiet men with white collars and cut fingernails and smooth-shaven cheeks who do not need to raise their voices.”
—C.S. Lewis

— *We Gather in God’s Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC

Isaac Thomas, piano

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 “*Glorify Thy Name*”—Music by Donna Adkins; Arranged by Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.
Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.
Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.
Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be. Amen.

***HYMN #579** “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*”

***CONFESSION OF SIN**
Eternal God, there are people who may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but we pass them by. Some are family and friends we take for granted. Others are neighbors who have been left half-dead by crushing work and who have fallen into despair. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge, because they are weak, or poor, or the enemy, or because they remind us of who we once were, or could have become. Move us to action, so that we might shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #661 (vs. 2 and refrain)** “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”
Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

***WORDS OF GRACE**
In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us.
We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. 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!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Luke 10:29-37 (page 72; large print, page 87)
Romans 3:10-18 (page 154; large print, page 187)

SERMON “With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility”:
Spiderman’s Origin and Our Calling to Stewardship —Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #657 (vv. 1, 2, 3, and optional refrain) “*Hear My Cry and Supplication*”

— *We Respond to God’s Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS
(During the offering, please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad in the pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

OFFERTORY “*Beautiful Savior*” (*Fairest Lord Jesus*)
—Silesean Folk Tune; Arranged by Wayne Oquin

***THE DOXOLOGY #959** “*Glory Be to the Father*”
—Words: Gloria Patri, The Lesser Doxology; Music by Charles Meineke
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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #294 (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5)** “*When Asked Who is My Neighbor*”

— *We Are Sent in Christ’s Name* —

***BENEDICTION**
May God bless you with enough courage to believe that you really can and should make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done. Don’t stand on the sideline, figuring out who your neighbor is. Recognize that you have been gifted, then share extravagant love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE “*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*”—Music by Edith McNeill

“For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”
—Matthew 13:12

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