



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.

LIVING WITH THE UNEXPECTED: LIFE ON ITS OWN TERMS



“WHEN YOU FEEL DISCONNECTED:
THE IMPRISONED PAUL AND AN UNHURRIED LIFE”

Second Presbyterian Church, September 8, 2019

When we are unhurried and wise, we perceive that only great and worthy things have any permanent and absolute existence, that petty fears and petty pleasures are but the shadow of the reality.

Henry David Thoreau

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— We Gather in God’s Name —

GATHERING MUSIC

Peggy Troyer, piano

WELCOME

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE CHIMES

PRELUDE “Psalm 64”—Words based on Psalm 64:1-2; Music by Smokie Norful
 Featuring David Williams, Tenor

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!

“We’ve never been more connected as a culture, and we’ve never felt more alone. Many experts are beginning to call loneliness a cultural epidemic. Why is it that we can have 500 friends on social media and feel so utterly alone? A devious disconnect is underway in our culture, and it’s not just a tech problem...it’s a human problem.”
—Carey Nieuwhof

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In you, eternal Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things.
In you we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings.
Let your Spirit sweep into our lives today, so that our worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.

***HYMN (See Insert) “Mighty to Save”**—Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding
Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

***CONFESSION OF SIN**
Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our life: for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may live more nearly as we ought. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE (See Insert) “Word of God, Speak”** (Refrain)
—Words and Music by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley
Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass
Word of God, speak. Would you pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see your majesty, to be still and know that you’re in this place? Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God, speak.

***WORDS OF GRACE**
While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— We Hear the Word —

TIME OF DISCOVERY “Jesus Loves the Little Children”
—Words by C.H. Woolston and Jospeh Barlowe; Music by George F. Root
Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, TOOLBELTS, BRIEFCASES, DIAPER BAGS, ...

CHORAL ANTHEM “Shine on Us”
—Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith; Arranged by Robert Sterling
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us. Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us that we may be saved, that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night, let your light shine on us. Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us, that we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us. Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us. Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us that we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us, let your light shine on us.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:12-26 (page 196; large print, page 240)

SERMON “When You Feel Disconnected: The Imprisoned Paul and an Unhurried Life”
—Dr. Craig Wansink

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”
—Philippians 4:6

HYMN #375 “Your Name” **Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass**

— 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 “I Need You, Now”—Words and Music by Smokie Norful
Featuring David Williams, Tenor
Not a second or another minute, not an hour or another day, but at this moment with my arms outstretched, I need You to make a way, as You have done so many times before through a window or an open-door. I stretch my hands to Thee, come rescue me; I need You right away. I need You now. I need You now. I need You now. Not another second or another minute, not an hour of another day, but Lord, I need You right away. If I never needed You before to show up and restore all of the things that I let slip while I was yet searching the world for more. The truest friend I have indeed. You’re my best friend I know in need. I stretch my hands to Thee. Come resume me; I need You right away, The agony of being alone, the fear of doing things on my own, the tests and trials that come to make me strong, the feelings of guilt, hurt, shame and defeat, the waves of trials that feed upon me, but to know, Lord, that in You I’ve got victory. I need You now, Lord, I need You now. Oh, Lord, I need You right now, right now, right now. I need You now. Oh, not another second, not another minute, Lord. Can’t wait for another day, oh. Oh, Lord, please make a way. Oh, Lord, oh Lord.

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God, with these gifts, we offer you our lives to do your work in the world.
Take our bodies and our minds, our work, and our leisure,
our relationships with other people, our friendships, and our family life,
our dreams and our doubts, our faith, and our plans for the future.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring them to you. Amen.

***HYMN #939 “May the Love of the Lord”**
Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

— We Are Sent in Christ’s Name —

***BENEDICTION**
In all you do, in word and deed, may Christ be proclaimed.
Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Beautiful One”—Music by Tim Hughes

“Be still, and know that I am God.”
—Psalm 46:10

“Rest is not a place I collapse into when I’ve finally done enough work — it’s the starting place, it’s the way into the well-fitting, easy yoke of Jesus (Matthew 11:25-30). What if we began in rest? Would it be possible to do my work without getting all wound up or collapsing?”
—Alan Fadling

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