

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.

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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 Shimm, Chair of Keyboard Studies.

LIVING WITH THE UNEXPECTED: LIFE ON ITS OWN TERMS



"WHEN YOU FEEL CYNICAL:
 AN ANGRY JONAH AND NEW HOPE"

Second Presbyterian Church, September 15, 2019



"We must make the choice to rejoice. Too many of us are cynics. Cynicism, contrary to popular opinion, is not a gift of the Holy Spirit. A cynic is a habitual doubter. He is nearly always negative, expecting the worst, and probing for the worst when nothing negative is visible on the surface. Ultimately, a cynic will always discover something that confirms their expectations. I am saying that God is good, and even when things are not good, He works them for our good. If you believe this is true, your faith in God will relieve you from a host of dark and dangerous attitudes. God is Who He says He is. Even if we don't know all the details along the way, we trust that He is good." —Francis Frangipane

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 Gather in God's Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC

Peggy Troyer, piano

WELCOME

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Waterways"*—Music by Ludovico Einaudi

OPENING PRAYER (a prayer from Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380)

"You, O Eternal Trinity, are a deep sea into which,
the more I enter, the more I find,
and the more I find, the more I seek.
O abyss, O eternal Godhead, O sea profound,
what more could you give me than yourself?
**God's grace, unsought and unearned, blows through my life,
and all I need to do is raise my sails to catch the full wind. Amen."**

*HYMN #796 *"Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (Psalm 69:1-2)

**Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #430 (Refrain) *"You Are Mine"* —Words and Music by David Haas

*"Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love, and you are mine."*

*WORDS OF GRACE (Isaiah 43:1b-2a)

**As God says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you." Amen.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

—Words by C.H. Woolston and Josph Barlowe; Music by George F. Root
*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.*

"Scripture says that love doesn't delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love looks for the best and wants to believe the best. It's not hasty to embrace rumors of evil. When love hears a sad report, it hopes it isn't true, and love grieves if it learns that it really is true. It gives a person the chance to explain what they believe, hearing both sides of the story, instead of just taking someone else's word for it." —Steve Bremmer

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Still"* with *"Jesus I Am Resting"*

—Words and Music by Reuben Morgan; Arranged by Thomas Grassi

"Jesus I Am Resting"—Words by Jean Sophia Piggot; Music by James Mountain

Hide me now underneath your wings; cover me within your mighty hand. When the oceans rise and thunders roar; I will soar with you above the storm. Father, you are King over the flood; I will be still and know you are God. Find rest, my soul, in Christ alone; know his power in quietness and trust. When the oceans rise and thunders roar; I will soar with you above the storm. Father, you are King over the flood; I will be still and know you are God. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what you are. I am finding out the greatness of your loving heart. Simply trusting you, Lord Jesus, I behold you as you are, and your love so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart. When the oceans rise and thunders roar; I will soar with you above the storm. Father, you are King over the flood; I will be still and know you are God. Father, you are King over the flood; I will be still, I will be still, I will be still. I will be still. Be still. I will be still and know you are God. Jesus I am resting. Be still.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 4:1-11

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SERMON

"When You Feel Cynical: An Angry Jonah and New Hope" —Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #436 *"How I Love You, Lord, My God"*

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH/BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

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 *"Le Onde"* (The Waves)—Words and Music by Ludovico Einaudi

*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.*

*HYMN #739 *"I Surrender All"*

— *We Are Sent in Christ's Name* —

*BENEDICTION (Psalm 16)

As you go from here, remember: God is always with you. No matter what you face, no matter what trials or hardships come your way, God is beside you, guiding and directing your path. So do not live in fear, but in joy, celebrating God's presence, and singing God's praise. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"You Are My Hiding Place"*—Music by Michael Ledner

"During the day it is important to remember that all the stars in the sky are out there all the time, even when I am too blinded by the sun to see them." —Barbara Brown Taylor

"While the Lord calls me to be wise and discerning, he reminds me often that his discernment cannot dwell in a cynical, distrustful heart. With Him, there is no hidden agenda and no ulterior motive. His gifts are free for the taking but I cannot take these gifts if my hands are already full of my own weapons of self-protection. Therefore, He asks me to lay down the shields that I have forged for protection and pick up the shield of faith in their place. He asks me to take Him at His Word." —Katherine Walden

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