



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.

**2019 SPC SESSION AND MINISTRY TEAMS**

Larry Hull, Clerk of Session

**DISCIPLESHIP**  
 Marie Finch, Sandy Simmermon  
 Ben Foster, Ann Byrd Porter, &  
 Donna Bortell

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 Elisabeth Sawyer, Philip Ndahi,  
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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 BURNT OUT:  
 AN ISOLATED ELIJAH AND  
 LEANING INTO GOD"

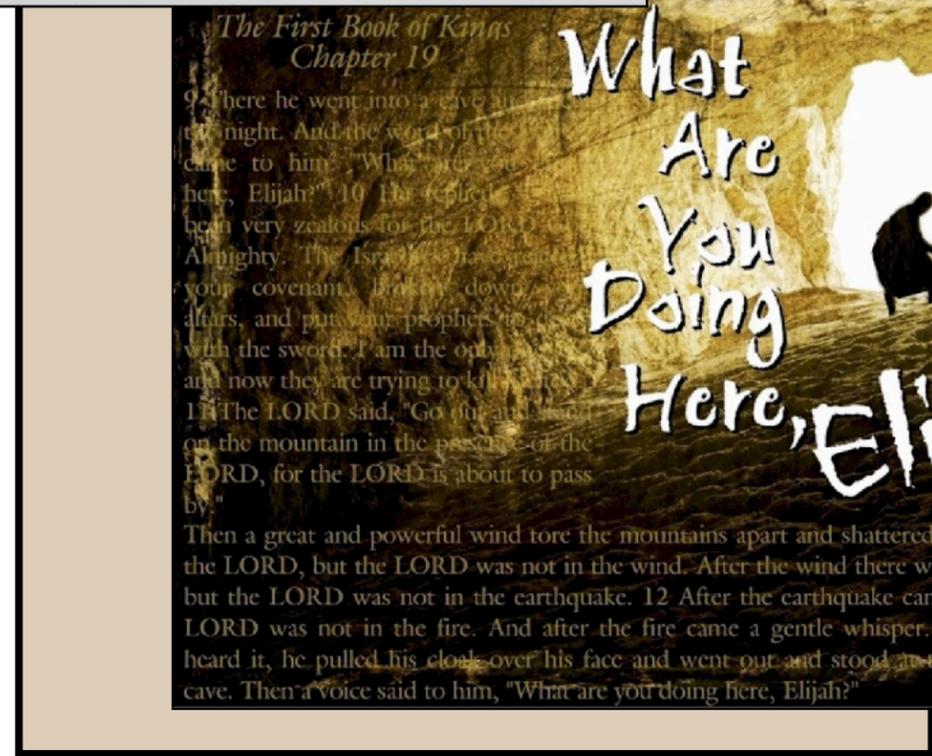
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*The First Book of Kings Chapter 19*

9 There he went into a cave and hid there all night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD Almighty. The Israelites have broken your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me." 11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**What Are You Doing Here, Elijah?**



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 wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."  
— Gilda Radner

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places."  
—Ernest Hemingway

— *We Gather in God's Name* —

## GATHERING MUSIC

Peggy Troyer, 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 "*Tocatta in C*"—Music by Johann Pachelbel

Featuring Dr. James Kosnik, organ

## OPENING WORDS OF PRAISE (from Psalm 100)

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

**Give thanks to Him; bless His name.**

For the Lord is good;

**His loving kindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

### \*HYMN #21 "*This Is My Father's World*"

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

**You call us home to live with you, but we are too busy to listen.**

**Yet you continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love.**

**Guide us to turn to you, to open our ears,**

**and to let your word and truth enter our lives. Amen.**

### \*MUSICAL RESPONSE #348 (v.1) "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.*

*There is no shadow of turning with Thee.*

*Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.*

*As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness.*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*And all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

## \*WORDS OF GRACE

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of

God's tender mercy and love for us. God comes, not to punish, but to give us peace,

not to judge, but to save us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY "*This Little Light of Mine*" (Hymn 930)

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,*

*This little light of mine, Yes, I'm gonna let it shine,*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-15, 18

(page 326; large print, page 374)

SERMON

"When You Feel Burnt Out: An Isolated Elijah and Leaning into God "

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #465 "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*"

— *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 "*Simple Gifts*"

\*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 #933 "*Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*"

— *We Are Sent in Christ's Name* —

\*BENEDICTION (Psalm 16)

As you go from here, remember that God is always with you.

So do not live in fear, but in joy, celebrating God's presence and singing God's praise.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE "*Fanfare*"—Music by Jacques Lemmens

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass— grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."  
—Mother Teresa

"If you are going through hell, keep going."  
—Sir Winston Churchill

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