

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.

**THE SHADOW OF SECOND'S SAINTS:
 A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF RUTH AND OUR CALLING**

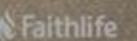


**"ENGAGING OUR PAIN:
 RUTH AND EMMA RUTH McDONALD"**

Second Presbyterian Church, November 3, 2019

BUT RUTH SAID,
 "DO NOT URGE ME TO LEAVE YOU OR TO RETURN FROM FOLLOWING YOU
 FOR WHERE YOU GO, & WHERE YOU LODGE
 I WILL GO, I WILL LODGE.
 YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, & YOUR GOD
 MY GOD."

RUTH
 1:16



— *We Gather in God's Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC

Karen Nemeth, piano

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

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!

As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation — either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give him all the pieces. —Victor Alfsen

When you become consumed by God's call on your life, everything will take on new meaning and significance. You will begin to see every facet of your life — including your pain — as a means through which God can work to bring others to Himself. —Charles Stanley

RINGING THE CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

God, help us to be witnesses of your power and in the midst of so many voices, quicken our ears to hear the summons of your voice. May your voice be the first and the final one in our lives. Amen.

***HYMN #776 (vv. 1, 2, and 4) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**
Acc. by Karen Nemeth

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

For the times we have lied to one another and the times we have been lied to, **heal us, Jesus.**
For the times we have laughed at another's pain and the times we have been laughed at, **heal us, Jesus.**
For the times we have not respected another's freedom to be different from us, **heal us, Jesus. Teach us to empty ourselves of the things that destroy us and keep us alone. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE #863 (vs. 1) "Take My Life and Let it Be"**
Acc. by Karen Nemeth

—Words by Frances R. Havergal; Music by H.A. Caesar Malan
*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.*

***WORDS OF GRACE**

God brings you new life, forgives you, and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY #26 (vs. 1) "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"—Traditional Spiritual
Acc. by Karen Nemeth

*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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ruth 1:1-22 (page 241; large print, page 299)

SERMON "Engaging our Pain: Ruth and Emma Ruth McDonald" —Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #465 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Acc. by Karen Nemeth

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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

***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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to come down the center aisle, take bread (or a gluten-free cracker),
and dip it in the cup (grape juice), and return using the outside aisle.
Please tell an usher if you wish to be served in your pew.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Karen Nemeth, piano

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

***HYMN #743 "O God, You Are My God"**

Acc. by Karen Nemeth

— *We Are Sent in Christ's Name* —

***BENEDICTION**

May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel. The grace of God be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Wonderful Peace"

—Music by William G. Cooper; Arranged by Rolin R. Mains and Dino Kartsonakis

We are pleased to welcome to worship Ms. Karen Nemeth, music teacher at Crestwood Middle School (Chesapeake), founding director of the Commonwealth Community Children's Chorus, and former Director of Music at Second Presbyterian (in the late 1990s).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Freeda Badkins to celebrate her 90th birthday.

What counts in your life and mine is not successes but fruits. The fruits of your life you might not see yourself. The fruits of your life are born often in your pain and in your vulnerability and in your losses. The fruits of your life come only after the plow has carved through your land. God wants you to be fruitful. —Henri Nouwen

As you receive the elements, you may wish to receive them in silence or say words like "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional. We cannot avoid pain, but we can avoid joy. —Tim Hansel

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