

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.

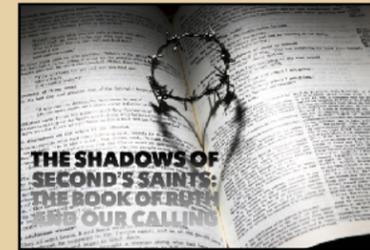
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Our pastor since 2010, Dr. Craig Wansink received his Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University, after having graduated from seminary in Chicago, and having studied at universities in Japan, Jordan, Germany, and Israel. Since 1993 he has been a Professor 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 RESOURCES: BOAZ, RUTH JACOBS, THE ROBERTSONS, THE BUGGS, JOE ADKINS, . . ."

Second Presbyterian Church, November 10, 2019



— 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.

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!

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"
—Erma Bombeck

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."
—Robert Louis Stevenson

Do you leave gleanings in your field?

RINGING THE CHIMES

PRELUDE "*More Like You*"—Music by Royzell Dillard
acc. Benjamin Garner

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in every season, your steadfast love sustains us. In this season of harvest, we are grateful for what you have so generously provided us, and we look to the future with hope, opening ourselves to your Spirit at work in our lives. Be present with us this day and in this time of worship. Amen.

*HYMN #926 "*God of Grace and God of Glory*"—Music by Harry Emerson Fosdick

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Living God, you have blessed our lives with so many gifts, but we find it difficult to share what we have with others. Forgive us for failing to love as Christ loved, failing to care as he cared. Help us to see what holds us back from being closer to you and our neighbors. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #749 "*Spirit of the Living God*"

—Words and Music by Daniel Iverson & Michael Baughen

Featuring Nancy Chapman, drums; Rob Courtois, bass

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

*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.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. As God's children, we are called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Amen.

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY #930 (v. 1) "*This Little Light of Mine*"—Traditional Spiritual

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, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 2:1-13

(page 242; large print, page 300)

SERMON

"Engaging our Resources: Boaz, Ruth Jacobs, the Robertsons,

the Buggs, Joe Adkins, . . . "

—Dr. Craig Wansink

HYMN #863 (vv. 1, 2, & 4) "*Take My Life and Let it Be*"

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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.

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 "*Ubi Caritas*"

*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.

*STEWARDSHIP LITANY

Gracious God, give us generous hearts...

...so we may fully appreciate all your many gifts to us.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts...

... so we may know the joy that comes from helping others.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts...

...so we may see the many blessings in each new day.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts...

...so we may learn the difference between what we need and what we want.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts...

...so we may ever thank you and serve you.

Lord, we ask all of this, knowing that you will always give us all that we need.

Bless our pledges and bless all those who will be served because of them. Through our giving, shape us into people more faithful to your Word, a people full of joy and good news. We dedicate these gifts along with our lives and all that we are. Amen.

*HYMN #296 "*We are Called*"

— *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 "*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*"

You are invited to place your pledge card in one of the baskets on the chancel as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

This morning we welcome Mr. Benjamin Garner, University Organist and Instructor of Piano and Organ at Hampton University, a native of Newport News. A technology enthusiast as well, Mr. Garner repairs and restores vintage electronic instruments and computers.

How does Boaz go beyond the minimum requirement of the law and seek to honor God in his actions? In what areas of your life do you struggle to honor God versus doing the minimum standard expected? How can you improve in those areas?

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest."
—D. L. Moody

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