

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.

IN THE VERY BEGINNING: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN



"NOT GOOD THAT MAN SHOULD BE ALONE"

Second Presbyterian Church, January 26, 2020



"True discipleship involves deep relationships. Jesus didn't simply lead a weekly Bible study, he lived life with disciples and taught through actions as well as words." —Francis Chan

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!

"Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel."
—Corrie Ten Boom

"You were created to be an instrument of God. When you are not being used as an instrument of God, neither you nor God will find satisfaction in your use."
—Randy Hunt

— *We Gather in God's Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC

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 *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"* —Arranged by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;

You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.

Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, and through us, and in our world.

Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning, where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation, experiencing all possibilities in You. Amen.

*HYMN # 526 *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE # 955 *"Know that God is Good"*

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, Hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

*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.**

— *We Hear the Word* —

TIME OF DISCOVERY # 576 *"Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord"*

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,

Bless the Lord, there is no other God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:4-7, 18-25

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SERMON

"Not Good That Man Should Be Alone"

—Dr. Craig Wansink

MUSICAL MEDITATION *"Nocturne in F-sharp Major, Op. 15 No. 2"* —By Frédéric Chopin

Featuring Matthew Van Hoose, piano

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Claire Ficker, Kevin Kittredge, Karen McKinley, Nick Stampfli

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 # 360 *"You are my King/Amazing Love"*

*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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God, take these offerings, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical—in our world and in ourselves—and thus may we always seek to be blessings to others. Amen.

*HYMN # 296 *"We Are Called"*

— *We Are Sent in Christ's Name* —

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do, so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in you generous friends. Go into the world, blessed by the guidance of God, the humility of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"This Little Light of Mine"* —Arranged by John Carter

"No matter how unloved you have felt in the past, no matter how lost you feel in your sin, God knew all that when he chose you – and he wants you anyway."
—Wayne Jacobsen

"What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we have in life? To know God. What is the eternal life that Jesus gives? To know God. What is the best thing in life? To know God. What in humans gives God most pleasure? Knowledge of himself."
—J. I. Packer

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