

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.

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include your request on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on 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 and his wife, Nancy Chapman, have two adult children, Katrina and Teddy.

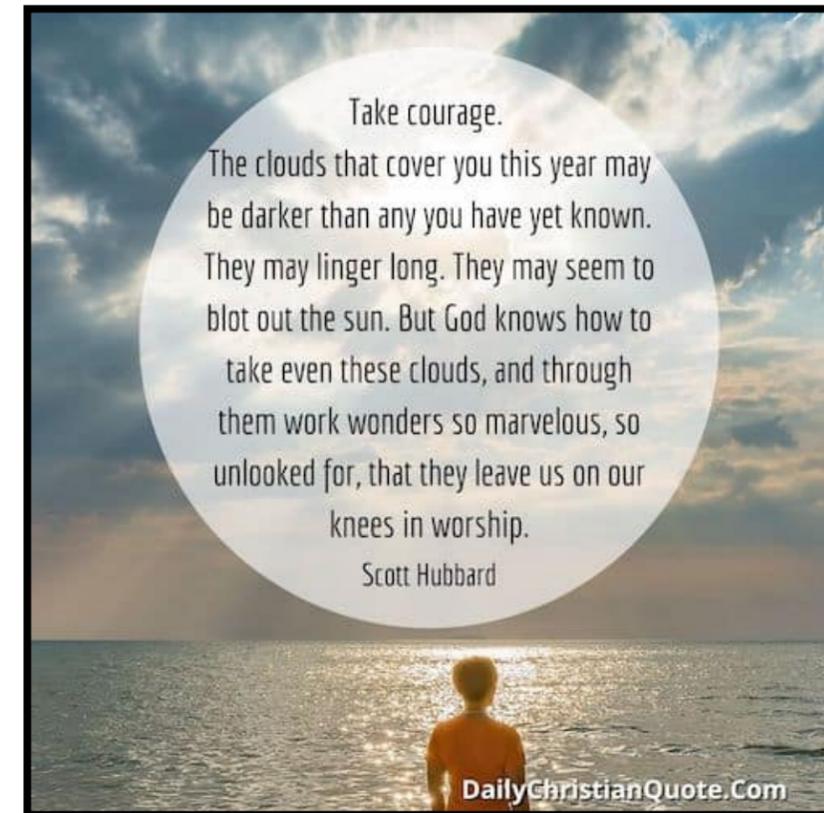
Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Catherine also serves as the chaplain for University Presbyterian Ministries at Old Dominion University. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk with their three children, Whitley, Hart, and Alden.

Director of Music Robert Shoup has been active in mission and ministry all of his life, having served congregations of varying denominations in Pennsylvania and Virginia for more than 30 years. He has been the Chorus Master for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra since 1997, and is the founding Artistic Director of The Norfolk Street Choir Project, which involves singers who are or have been affected by homelessness. Bob lives in Norfolk with his son, Benjamin, and his daughter, Ali.

A TIME TO PAUSE: 20 YEARS AFTER 9/11

"A DISTANT SHORE AND A DIFFERENT TIME:
 SPIRITUAL LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2001"

Second Presbyterian Church, September 12, 2021



"One thing has been made clear to me in this time—Jesus is our only source of reliable hope. Our source of peace. Our source of joy. Our source of love. While the world around us may be filled with chaos and confusion, I'm reminded that you and I are carriers of the hope of Jesus. We are filled with His peace, His power, and His presence. We have the opportunity to reflect and impart the light of Jesus to others around us." —Christine Caine

We Gather In Christ

*"From One Generation to Another"
 By Robert Shoup*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,
our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.
 We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,
we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.
 We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.
young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.

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!

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

“From One Generation to Another”
Text by Sara Pilcher (1997),
Music and adapted text by Robert Shoup (2021)

We Recognize our Need to Grow Closer to God

*CONFESSING OUR SIN

God, we confess that many times we find it easier to talk about you than talk to you. But then as we do begin talking to you in our prayers we often find that talking is easier than listening, and then that listening is easier than doing something about what you are saying to us and calling us to do. Forgive us for trying to avoid the demands of your love. Use us according to your will; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

*RECEIVING GRACE

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, heals our brokenness, and forgives our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love. Forgiven, we are freed to forgive.
Offered grace, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

All sing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We Hear the Word

MUSICAL WITNESS TO HOPE

“Ride the Chariot”
Spiritual, arr. by William Henry Smith (1939)

Adult Choir,
Sarah Haigh, Soloist

TIME OF DISCOVERY

MESSAGE

“A Distant Shore and a Different Time:
Spiritual Lessons from September 11, 2001”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Psalm 30

—Dr. Craig Wansink

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Eternal God, as we build from the past and look to the future, we offer you our lives to do your work in the world.

Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our leisure, our relationships with other people, our friendships and our family life, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for the future.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring them to you.

Amen.

We Respond in Humility

All sing:

You’ve gathered us together now
To learn and serve and care,
As living echoes of your love
To your people everywhere.

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.

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

“When Peace Like a River”
Text by Horatio G. Spafford (1873)

*BENEDICTION

Go into the world each day knowing that you are embraced by the love of God, that you have been given signs of hope, and that you are called to share that love and hope with others. Amen.

All sing:

May we bear witness to your grace
As disciples of your Son
May we who follow find our home
In you, Eternal One.

Thanks to the Choir for leading worship music this morning.

Do you use your faith to comfort others? If so, how?

How can you show love when others hurt you?

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”
—Fred Rogers

How can you show those that grieve that they are not alone?

“Say no to fear, live free, and reach out to everyone with a message of hope, even if you have to do it from 6 feet away. God’s presence and powerful breath of life can find a way through their mask.”
—Kevin Dedmon

“Most of the verses written about praise in God’s Word were voiced by people faced with crushing heartaches, injustice, treachery, slander, and scores of other difficult situations.”
—Joni Eareckson Tada

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