"The greatest enemy of spiritual life is hurry."



- Dallas Willard

"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."

- Simone Weil

"People may spend their whole lives climbing the ladder of success only to find, once they reach the top, that the ladder is leaning against the wrong wall."



- Thomas Merton

"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes. Including you."

- Anne Lamott

Stewardship Sermon Series

How *Not to Waste* Your Life



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Most people are terrified of failure.
Jesus seems more concerned about something else entirely:
Wasted lives.
Wasted attention.
Wasted compassion.
Wasted gifts.
Wasted years chasing things that don't matter while ignoring the people and purposes that do. Through some of Jesus' most unsettling stories and encounters, we ask **what it means to become people whose lives bear fruit.**

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thanks to our worship band for leading worship singing this morning!

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Gather in Need of the Risen Christ

Chiming

As the bells ring, we quiet our voices and focus our hearts.

Welcome

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

We listen:

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

We Sing:

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*Opening Prayer

God of silence and interruption,
our lives are crowded with noise, urgency, and endless distraction.
Quiet what is frantic within us long enough for us to notice You,
notice one another, and notice the life we are actually living. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 15 "The First Place"

** we stand together as able*

*Confessing Our Sin

Merciful God,
We confess that we have given our attention to things that shrink our souls.
We scroll past beauty, rush past people, avoid silence,
and fill our lives with noise because stillness feels frightening.
Forgive us for confusing busyness with purpose
and exhaustion with faithfulness.

We Sing:

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*Receiving Grace

The mercy of God is deeper than your fragmentation.
Christ comes not merely to forgive distracted people,
but to restore scattered lives, anxious minds, and weary souls.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and invited home to what matters most. **Amen**.

We Hear the Word

Time of Discovery

Message

Dr. Craig Wansink

"Death by Distraction"
Luke 10:38–42

We Respond in Humility

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 527 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Offering Gratitude

Who has given you the gift of full attention in your life—someone who truly listened, truly noticed you, truly stayed present—and how did that change you?

Thank you for all the ways you share your time, life, and finances on behalf of the mission of this church family.

Please feel free to financially support us by sharing your gifts in the baskets up front.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

We sing together:

Come to the table of grace, Come to this table of grace.
This is God's table, not yours or mine.
Come to God's table of grace.

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
Prayer Following Communion

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 142 "We Are People on a Journey"
Verses 1, 2, and 3

We Depart in Joy

*Benediction

Go now: less distracted, more awake, and more willing to notice
the holy things hiding inside ordinary life.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **Amen**.