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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday, January 28, 2007

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor.

Proverbs 4:5-9

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He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

### *God Gathers His People<sup>1</sup> ...*

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Psalms 110:1-3, 7-10

### *... His People Come by Faith ...*

\*Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Hymn #38

\*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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

### *God Tunes the Heart of His People ...*

*... through Confession of Sin...*

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*... through the Assurance of Pardon ...*

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

*... to Sing His Praise.*

*Psalms 34:19-22*

\*Redeemed, how I love to Proclaim it!

Hymn #701

\*He is Exalted

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### *... God Teaches His People...*

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Message

The Gospel of Isaiah

### *God's People Receive His Word by Faith...*

\*Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #642

### *God Feeds His People & Fellowships with Them ...*

Prayers of the People

Focus on World Mission  
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Brown, Wycliffe

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him*

### *God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...*

\*Roman's Doxology

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\*God's Benediction<sup>2</sup>

“The Lord spoke to Moses, “Thus you shall bless My people:  
“The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.’  
In this way shall I put my name upon my people, and I will bless them.”

Numbers 6:24-26

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<sup>1</sup> “Worship” is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God initiates and directs worship as a means by which HE shapes and tunes US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

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<sup>2</sup> “Benediction” is the “good Word” of God’s blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people to display His glory

