
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday, January 28, 2007

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

God Gathers His People ...

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 100

... His People Come by Faith ...

*Jehovah is the Lord

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*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...

God Be Merciful to Me

Hymn#486

... through the Assurance of Pardon ...

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:1-5

... to Sing His Praise.

*Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

Hymn#57

*Lord I lift Your Name on High

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture

1 Samuel 7:1-14

Message

Baals, Ashtaroth and Ebezers, Oh My!
Mr. Brad Voyles

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

*In the Lord Alone

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Prayers of the People

*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 ...

*Rock of Ages

Hymn #500

*God's Benediction²

"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

¹ "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.

² "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people to display His glory

