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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

### Service of Worship

Sunday, February 11, 2007

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created ... [and] in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.<sup>1</sup>

Colossians 1:15-20

### God Creates A People in Christ

... Celebrated in Baptism ...

Ethan Philip Kennedy

In [Jesus] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, ... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:11-14

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:39

\*Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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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

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<sup>1</sup> At the center of God's strategy “to reconcile to himself all things,” is a whole, new creation by and in Jesus Christ and him crucified. The heartbeat of this new creation is worship, a provision of God's grace in Christ, by which we learn to feel, think, speak, and act as God's good people.

### God Gathers His People in Christ

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ... , that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross. ... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:13-22

\*The Church's One Foundation

Hymn#347

Reception of New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Russ Lynch, Bryan Lynch; Mr. & Mrs. Tucker Pennington, Aubriana Pennington; Mr. Chris Sewell; Ms. Alisha Belcher

### God's People Rejoice Together in Christ

\*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through us Hymn #341

### God Speaks to His People in Christ

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing ... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12:2-3

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... to proclaim good news to the poor ... that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for the display of his glory: they shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Isaiah 61:1-4

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Luke 24:46-47; Acts 1:8

\*Here I Am, Lord

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### God Equips His People in Christ

With Spiritual Leaders

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. I Peter 5:1-3

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Mr. Edward Henry, Deacon  
Mr. Gerald Collins, Deacon

We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

*His Way – Mine!*  
Mr. Edward Henry

\*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!

### God Blesses His People in Christ

\*Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Hymn #369

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

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.<sup>7</sup>  
Numbers 6:24-26

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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 in Christ, the Word made flesh, to bear witness to the life, joy, and hope of the living Christ before a dark and dying world to the praise of his glory.

