
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday, January 4, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

-- Psalm 139:13-16

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.

-- Psalm 100

God's People Join their Voices with the Psalmist ...

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

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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.

Amen²

God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

... through Corporate 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; 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 Assurance of Pardon...

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. --1 John 2:1-2

... resulting in Praise to our God through Christ our Lord

**Jehovah is the Lord*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 14:1-7

Message

What are We Looking for this Year?

God's People Respond to His Word by Faith...

*... with hymns ...

#God Moves in a Mysterious Way

**128*

... With the Celebration of Baptism ... *Andrew Clinton Leavengood*

* ... praise ...

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!

... and Tithes and Offerings of Thanksgiving ...

... Committing our Resources to Him

Prayer for Covenant Children *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*

God Sends His People ...

* ... with Rejoicing

Roman's Doxology, Insert

*... and the Benediction³ of His Grace

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace so that all the peoples may say,

Congregation: "Amen! Our LORD is faithful!" Praise the LORD.

¹ "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God calls us to worship as a means of His grace by which to shape and tune US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

² "Amen" grows from the Hebrew root meaning "true and faithful;" we pray with hope and confidence because our covenant God is "true and faithful" to his covenant promises.

³ "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people by his steadfast, covenantal love in Christ for the display of His glory

For Individual & Family Worship
Week of January 4– January 10, 2009

As we systematically read through the Bible together following this plan, we will gain an appreciation for God's story of Glory, Grace and Truth displayed through the ages among and through his people. It is a story filled with intrigue, deception, colossal failures and even greater stories of redemption. Once this becomes a part of our normal routine, we will be amazed how these stories come to mind in the face of daily life challenges.

Scripture Reading:	Morning	Evening
Sunday:		Jn 8
Monday:	Gn 9, Ps 8, Mt 6:1-24	Jn 9
Tuesday:	Gn 10, Ps 9, Mt 6:25-7:12	Jn 10
Wednesday:	Gn 11-12, Ps 10, Mt 7:13-8:13	Jn 11
Thursday:	Gn 13, Ps 11-12, Mt 8:14-34	Jn 12
Friday:	Gn 14, Ps 13, Mt 9:1-17	Jn 13
Saturday:	Gn 15-16, Ps 14, Mt 9:18-10:23	

Similarly, as we participate in the hymns and prayers of God's people in Christ from throughout history, we will gain an appreciation for the continuing, present unfolding of God's story of Glory and Grace in Jesus among his people by his Spirit.

Hymn: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way (Trinity, #128)*

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| 1. God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. | 4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face. |
| 2. Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will. | 5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower. |
| 3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head. | 6. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. |

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Bless, O Lord, the worship of your church this day, and bless our endeavors to glorify your name. Let not our hearts be unduly set on earthly things, but incline us to love things heavenly that even now, while we are placed among things [and in circumstances] that are passing away, we may cling to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

-- *The Leonine Sacramentary*

Sermon Notes

Passage: Acts 14:1-7

Message: *What Are We Looking for This Year?*

We can expect two types of responses to the wonder of the gospel's truth:

... belief with rejoicing ...

... aggressive unbelief ...

... the problem of "indifference" ...

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