
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday, January 11 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:14-17

God Gathers His People ...

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

Psalm 48:1-3:12-14

God's People Join their Voices in Praise ...

**Great 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.

Amen²

God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

... through Declaring our Faith...

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#457

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 14:8-20

Message

Can I Handle the Truth?

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

*... with hymns ...

Be Still My Soul

#689

... Offerings ...

... *Committing Ourselves to Him*

Commission of Women's Leadership Team:

Karen Collins, Mako Gilchrist, Lynda Henry

Mary Massingill, Tiffany Roerdink

and Pam Kennedy

* ... 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 of Thanksgiving ...

... *Committing our Resources to Him*

God Sends His People ...

* ... with Rejoicing

King of the Nations, 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 Jan 11 – Jan 17, 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

Sunday:		Jn 14 & 15
Monday:	Gn 17&18, Ps 15&16, Mt 10:24-42	Jn 16
Tuesday:	Gn 19, Ps 17, Mt 11	Jn 17
Wednesday:	Gn 20&21, Ps 18, Mt 12:1-21	Jn 18
Thursday:	Gn 22&23, Ps 19, Mt 12:22-50	Jn 19
Friday:	Gn 24, Ps 20&21, Mt 13:1-23	Jn 20
Saturday:	Gn 25, Ps 22, Mt 13:24-58	Jn 21

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:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Trinity, #457)

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon in,
mount of God's unchanging love.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, who has made known the incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, which, when the wise men beheld, they presented costly gifts and adored your majesty; grant that the star of your righteousness may always shine into our hearts; and that, as our treasure, we may give ourselves and all we possess to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-- The Gelasian Sacramentary

Sermon Notes

Passage: Acts 14:8-20

Message: *Can I Handle the Truth?*

The experience of Paul and Barnabas show us that there are several ways we might respond when we are confronted with the truth of the good news of Jesus Christ and its implication for how I live day to day.

1. *I might misunderstand the gospel.*

2. *I might reject the gospel.*

3. *I might embrace the gospel.*

Conclusion: To what degree am I accepting or rejecting the claims of Jesus Christ upon my life? Do I surrender to, or cast aside, the truth given to me through the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and fellow believers?

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peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ
working in His people empowered by His Spirit for His glory.

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