Closing Worship Service Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Convention Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN June 17, 2010

The Gathering

Prelude

Music to the Glory of God Jason Chambers, Nicholas Chambers, Joanna Chambers

Call to Worship (Responsive) (Isa. 6:8, Ps. 96:4; 81:9; 100:4)

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We come to give thanks for them.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

We come to ask for guidance and courage.

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship the Holy God.

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clear air.

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Come! Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of PraiseHow Firm a Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus, God of McAdow, Ewing and King, God of our foreparents in the faith, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are often too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our present time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Convention Offering New Church Development in Mexico

Dedication of Offering

The Word

Convention SongAncient Words

Message of the Day Martha Chambers, Convention President

The Blessed Assurance

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

Hymn I Love To Tell the Story

Scripture Sentences Deut. 7:9, Eph. 4:1-3; Micah 6:8

Renunciation and Reaffirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *I do.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *I do*.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? *I will, with God's help*.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism Remembrance of Baptism

Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Ties That Bind

Charge and Blessing

Worship Participants

Song LeaderJacky CliftonPianistJanice BaneSpeakerMartha Chambers, Convention PresidentSpecial MusicMartha's three children – Jason, Nicholas and Joanna

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