

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 11, 2026

Reflection
“Nothing but God alone can provide the soul with true and essential satisfaction, comfort, and encouragement. There is but one comfort for a poor and believing sinner. Only one Object can yield true and essential comfort. All comfort that is sought for and found outside of this Object is extremely harmful and vain.”
— Theodorus VanderGroe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Daniel 7:9-10**
“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Hymn #38
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Confession of Sin
Leader: Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!
All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader: Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you!
All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!
All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **Romans 5:5-8**
For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the un-godly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

***Song of Assurance**
You Are My King
I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken. I'm accepted;
You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again.

CHORUS
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you
In all I do, I honor you

BRIDGE
(Ladies) You are my King; (Men) you are my King;
(ALL) Jesus, you are my King; Jesus, you are my King.

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*
**K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.*

Reading of Scripture **Ecclesiastes 8:1-17**
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Sermon
How Firm a Foundation

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Prayer for Those Searching for Truth
Lord Jesus, you claim to be one with God and to be sent by him for the salvation of sinners. If what you claim is true, and what you have done matters, then open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is real, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.
Prayer of Belief
Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross,

taking what I deserved so that I might be in union with Jesus. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution and Prayer

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
CHORUS: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

***Song of Response**
Gospel Doxology
Your perfect Law exposes me. I feel my sin and desperate need.
My best good works are powerless to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me: his life, my only victory.
His death forever sealed in time that I am his and he is mine!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Benediction**

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Gospel Doxology Zac Hicks and Julie Anne Vargas, 2014

Ecclesiastes

How Firm a Foundation
Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

Officer Nominations | Last Day to Nominate

clemsonpres.org/nominations

Our church is led by elders and deacons voted on by the congregation. Today is the last day to nominate, so head to the link above or open the CPC app.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We're so grateful for our pastors' work, time, energy, and prayer. We want to honor them for their spiritual leadership and acknowledge the sacrifices they and their families make. Leave a note for any or all of our pastors in the boxes in the lobby throughout the month of October.

Welcome Lunch | October 18 | after service | Fellowship Hall

If you're new to Clemson Pres, we'd love to get to know you over lunch! Join other newcomers along with a handful of staff and CPC members to get to know one another, the church, and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We'll bring the food, so you just need to show up. *If you know you'll be there, let us know at clemsonpres.org/new, otherwise just show up.*

Food Drive | September 27-October 25

Stop by the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care and help support neighbors in need. Return your filled bag to the lobby, and we'll deliver all donations on behalf of the church. If you prefer to give through their Amazon wish list, you can grab the QR code in the lobby. Let's come together to bless our community with generosity and care.

Smart Giving Workshop | November 7 | 9:30-11:30am | 1E6

A Smart Giving Workshop, hosted by our denomination, will bring in an experienced gift strategist to introduce key estate-planning tools and share practical ways to maximize Kingdom-focused generosity. There's no cost to attend. Please register by October 23 in the app or on the website. Contact Bill Thompson (bill.thompson@clemsonpres.org) with any questions.

Get Connected: Want to know what's coming up? Go to clemsonpres.org/calendar or open the CPC app and click "calendar" in the bottom menu!

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