

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 4, 2026

Reflection

"You should celebrate the blessings that are yours today, but make sure you worship the Giver and not the gift."

Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Give Me Jesus

Choir

*Invocation

*Song of Praise

Bless The Lord (10,000 Reasons)

CHORUS: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul: worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul: I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Confession of Sin
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **Philippians 1:4-6**
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

*Hymn of Assurance

I Know Whom I Have Believed, Hymn #705
I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for his own.

REFRAIN: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith
To me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in him.

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before his face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noonday fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with him,
Or "meet him in the air."

Congregational Prayer

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

Reading of Scripture **Ecclesiastes 7:1-23**
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Sermon Know Your Limits

*Song of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

CHORUS: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(CHORUS)
Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.
(CHORUS 2x)

TAG: Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death!

*Benediction

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Ecclesiastes

Know Your Limits
Ecclesiastes 7:1-23

Communion

Next week during Worship Service we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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.

Congregational Meeting

October 11 | 10am | Fellowship Hall

The Session has called a meeting to elect officers. The candidates were nominated last year and have been in training for the past year. The Session is recommending them to the congregation for members to vote on. Read their bios at clemsonpres.org/candidates and you'll hear from them at the meeting before voting.

Officer Nominations | September 13-October 11

clemsonpres.org/nominations

Our church is led by elders and deacons voted on by the congregation. Officer Nominations begin Sunday! Begin praying about whom you can nominate for the office of elder or deacon. Want to know more about what elders and deacons do and the qualifications for each role? Use the link above or head to the CPC app.

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

Starting today, 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.

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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