

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 1, 2026

Reflection
“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.”
— Martin Luther

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 46:8-11**
Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
All: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Hymn #92
A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin
Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **Isaiah 12:2**
Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

***Song of Assurance**
I Will Trust My Savior Jesus
I will trust my Savior Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust him when to simply trust him
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus
Trust him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

CHORUS: Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust you more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever yours

I will trust my Savior Jesus
He has said his way is best
And I know the path he's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest

BRIDGE: Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting
In the one who died for me
What could I bring for your gift is complete
So I trust you simply trust you, Lord
With every part of me

Receiving New Members
Alex and Sara Norwood

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings **Men's Ensemble**
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*
**K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.*
The Old Rugged Cross

Reading of Scripture **Ecclesiastes 10:1-20**
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Sermon
Wisdom is Always Worth It

***Hymn of Response**
Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him?
Hast thou heard him, seen him, known him?
Is not thine a captured heart? Chief among ten thousand own him;
Joyful choose the better part

CHORUS: Captivated by his beauty; worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let his peerless worth constrain thee; crown him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth? Not a sense of right or duty
But the sight of peerless worth *(repeat chorus)*

'Tis the look that melted Peter
'Tis the face that Stephen saw; 'Tis the heart that wept with Mary
Can alone from idols draw *(repeat chorus 2x)*

***Benediction**

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I Will Trust My Savior Jesus Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Lucy Ann Bennett, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Tranter CCLI Song #7121855 © 2018 CityAlight Music
Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him? anonymous early 20th century hymn; alt. Kevin Twit

ECCLESIASTES

Wisdom is Always Worth It
 Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

Men’s Breakfast | Nov 7 | 8:30am | Fellowship Hall

Join the men of CPC for a monthly fellowship breakfast, where we share a great meal prepared by the men and are encouraged by a short devotional or ministry presentation.

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. Register on the calendar page of our website or app. Contact Bill Thompson (bill.thompson@clemsonpres.org) with any questions.

CPC Life Breakfast & Ride Help

The CPC Life Class serves breakfast on the first Sunday of each month and could use help providing all or part of the meal. To volunteer, contact Kay Sporrer at kaysporrer@gmail.com. Transportation is also occasionally needed to help class members attend church. If you'd like to be added to the list of transportation helpers, contact Elaine Montero at v.elainemontero@gmail.com.

CPC App

The CPC app has great resources built in, like a bible with multiple versions and a reading plan. You can also access the church calendar and women's resources. CPC Kids and Youth are using it to communicate with parents. When you're logged in you can see your giving history and volunteer schedule.

Members-If you're ever in a situation where you feel like you need to delete your app account, be sure to touch base with Ruthann before doing so.

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