WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 29, 2026

Reflection

God gave himself to us and so we must give ourselves wholly to him.
–Tim Keller

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading **Isaiah 9:2**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Emily Cartledge (8:30), Sheri Belk (11:00)

***Invocation**

***Carol of Supplication**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Hymn # 194

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Confession of Sin

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **Romans 5:12-15**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

***Song of Assurance**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the king
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; he the perfect Son of Man,
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Slain by death, the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope:
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.
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Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Mystery

Mystery of Jesus come down in flesh
Mystery of gospel for Jews and Gents
Mystery of truth hidden ages since
God first created man

How can the word come down as man?
How can a woman bear God?
How can a child become the one
To take away sins of the world

CHORUS: Now is revealed the mystery
God has so loved the land
How he has changed all history
Christ is the Savior of man

Out of the darkness He's brought the light
Out of sure death he has bought new life
Out of defeat he has won the fight
Vict'ry o'er Satan's plan (chorus)

BRIDGE: Mystery of Jesus come down to earth
Mystery of hope for a second birth
Mystery of God who so loved the world
Oh what a salvation!

Reading of Scripture **Ephesians 5:18-21**

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Sermon

Always Thanksgiving

***Carol of Response**

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Hymn #208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him
Born the King of angels;

REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing;

***Benediction**

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YOUR COMING LORD

Always Thanksgiving
Ephesians 5:18-21

Return to One Service | starting December 13
December 13-January 3, we will have one worship service at 9am followed by Sunday School at 10:30am. We'll continue to remind you in the bulletin, email, and with a churchwide text on the 12th.

Lessons and Carols | Dec 6 | 6pm | Sanctuary
Lessons and Carols is one of our favorite services of the year! The service alternates between singing a hymn and reading Scripture, working our way through the entire Christmas story. Lessons and Carols allow us to engage in Scripture in a fresh way.

Women's Christmas Gathering | Dec 8 | 7pm
Learn more & get tickets: clemsonpres.org/gathering
One of our most cherished traditions is almost here! Women and girls (6th grade and up) are invited to our annual Christmas Gathering for fellowship, worship, and sweet & savory treats. Pause with us during a busy season and celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

Welcome Breakfast | Dec 6 | 10am | Library
If you're new to Clemson Pres, we'd love to get to know you! 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.

Coming Up
Full calendar is at clemsonpres.org/calendar or in the CPC app and click "calendar" in the bottom menu!

Dec 2: Middle School Progressive Dinner, 6pm
Dec 5: Men's Breakfast, 8:30am
Dec 6: Welcome Breakfast, 10am; Lessons & Carols, 6pm
Dec 8: Women's Christmas Gathering, 7pm
Dec 9: MidWeek Christmas Party, High School Progressive Dinner 6pm
Dec 20 & Jan 3: Sunday School does not meet
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30pm

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