

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

July 19, 2026

Reflection

Corporate worship is designed to lure you away from your little kingdom of one and enthrall you again with God's kingdom of glory and grace. –Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to WorshipPsalm 89:13-15

Leader: You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
People: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face.*

*Invocation

***Songs of Praise**

How Firm a Foundation, Hymn # 94
How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress. "

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame I not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

Your Great Name
Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of your great name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of your great name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of your great name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of your great name

CHORUS: Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of your great name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of your great name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of your great name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of your great name

BRIDGE: Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty
Defender, my Savior, you are my King
(REPEAT)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning GraceTitus 3:5

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit

***Song of Assurance**

O the Blood
O the blood, crimson love, price of life's demand
Shameful sin placed on him, the hope of ev'ry man

CHORUS: O the blood of Jesus washes me
O the blood of Jesus shed for me
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood, it is my victory

Savior Son, Holy One, slain so I can live
O see the Lamb, the great I Am, who takes away my sin

BRIDGE: O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
The precious blood of the Lamb

What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

O what love, no greater love: grace, how can it be
That in my sin, yes even then, he shed his blood for me

What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*

Prayer for Illumination
Heavenly Father, we ask now that you would send the same Holy Spirit who inspired this Word to open our hearts to its truth. Please remove from us apathy, cynicism, callousness, or rebellion, so that we may really be hungry for this bread of life that feeds our souls, nourishes our hearts for your work and fills us with the joy that is our strength. This we ask for the honor and glory of your dear Son and our dear Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Reading of ScriptureActs 9:32-43
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Sermon
When It's Hard to Believe

***Song of Response**

His Love Can Never Fail
I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide.

CHORUS: His love can never fail, his love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

***Benediction**

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Acts

When It's Hard to Believe

Acts 9:32-43

Senior Pastor: Bryan Counts

Associate Pastor of Students & Families: Matthew Icard

Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship: Reid Jones

Elders: Brinck Bowers, Bill Caldwell, Jimmy Dixon, Mark Dodd, Bill Fisk, Will Huss, Kevin Miles, David Myers, Chris Peters, Conrad Shuler, Barry Swiger

Deacons: Tommy Barron, John Thomas Campbell, David Gambrell, David Haile, Zach Miller, Fred Sons, Paul Watters

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday: College Dinner (6pm)

Monday: Women's Study (7pm)

Tuesday: Women's Study (12pm & 7pm)

Wednesday: Women's Study (9:15am & 12pm)

Friday: Women's Study (6:30am), Men's Study (7am)

Get the full calendar at clemsonpres.org/calendar

Fall Ministry

clemsonpres.org/fall

With the school year just around the corner, we've put together all the fall ministry info in one spot so you can see what's coming up and get it on your calendar. Use the website above or open the CPC app and begin praying for God to be at work in our hearts and lives for the remainder of 2026.

Congregational Meeting

August 9 | 9am | Fellowship Hall

Plan to be at the congregational meeting to hear a presentation of this year's upcoming ministry budgets. This will include information about how last year's budget supported ministry and what we expect for the upcoming year.

Sunday Volunteers

clemsonpres.org/sundayvolunteers

With our new two-service Sunday schedule beginning August 16, it's time to jump in on Sunday mornings! Whether greeting at the door, caring for little ones in the nursery, or setting up coffee, there's a place for you to connect, contribute, and be part of the church family. Use the link above to see what places we've begun scheduling and sign up to be part!

Women's Let's Get Together

July 27 | 6:30-8:30pm

End your summer with a time of connection and conversation. Come as you are for food and fellowship. This is for all women; 6th grade and up. Meet at Beth Campbell's house. Need the address? Email womensministry@clemsonpres.org to get it.

Building Team Update

The Building Team voted to move forward with an architect and approved Trehel to begin pre-construction site planning. Keep up with all the updates at clemsonpres.org/building-team.

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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