

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 2, 2026

Reflection
No matter how much you've grown, it's vital to confess that you need God's grace today as much as you needed it the first day you believed. —Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 34:1-5**
Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
People: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

***Invocation**

***Song of Praise**
A Thousand Tongues (Awake My Soul)
Jonas Myrin, Laura Story, Matt Maher, and Matt Redman

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of his grace

A thousand songs are not enough to say how great you are
The glories of your majesty the triumphs of your love

CHORUS: Awake my soul to sing the glories of my God and King
Arise and praise the one worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues

You break the power of all our sin you set the captive free
You make the broken heart rejoice, new life the dead receive

BRIDGE 3x: Forever you are, forever you are worthy

TAG: You are worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues

Confession of Sin **Based Psalm 130**
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **Colossians 1:13-15**
And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

***Song of Assurance**
Jesus Paid it All
I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

REFRAIN: Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power, and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Whereby thy grace to claim—
I will wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Ministry Moment **Pete Shaner**
RUF Campus Minister, Milwaukee, WI

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*
**Engage resumes next week!*
Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer
Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm
You have called me to this passage and I'll follow though I'm worn

CHORUS: May this journey bring a blessing; may I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing with Your likeness let me wake

Jesus guide me thro' the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning; let me love You even more

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage let me leave them at Your throne

Reading of Scripture **Acts 12:1-25**
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Sermon
The Good News about Suffering

***Song of Response**
God Is for Us
We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
5We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

CHORUS: Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake.
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace

BRIDGE: Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us
Holds me in his love

***Benediction**

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Acts

The Good News about Suffering
Acts 12:1-25

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

Two Services Countdown: Two Weeks

8:30am & 11am Worship Service | 10am Sunday School

We'll go to our fall schedule of two worship services with Sunday School in between starting August 16! Mark your calendars!

Fall Ministry

clemsonpres.org/fall

Look ahead to how you want to connect and serve this fall at the link above or in the CPC app. CPC Kids and Youth Ministries will be back in full swing along with new Sunday School classes, community groups, men's and women's bible studies, and more. We'd love for you to find encouragement, community, and ways to serve.

August Calendar

9: Promotion Sunday, Congregational Update, Welcome Lunch

10: Circle 3, 4

12: CPC Kids MidWeek, Youth Dgroups, & Choir resumes

14: Men's Study resumes

15: Youth Moving Up Party

16: Two Services begins, Youth Groups begin

19: Women's Morning Study & Men's Evening Study begin

21: Women's Friday Study begins

26: Women's Evening Study begins

27: Women's Thursday Study begins

30: Women's Group Chats (ages 18-22)

Congregational Update

August 9 | 9am | Fellowship Hall

Plan to be at the congregational update 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.

Welcome Lunch

August 9 | 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.

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