

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 23, 2026

Reflection

"Beneath your longing for things you know you want, lies longing for something you want but don't know."

-Bobby Jamieson

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Choir

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

King of Love

The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth

CHORUS: Never failing, Ruler of my heart, everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish I have strayed, but yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill with thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me

BRIDGE: Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing your praise, within your house forever
Within your house forever

Song of Confession

Come and Make Us Free

I'm a doubter of your grace, and my heart won't cease
Seeking love in every place but your perfect arms of peace
Though I see that all my longings find their journey's end in you
Off they wander in the byways cheaply lured by every hue

I'm a slave to lowly thoughts that I cannot shake
Lust of eyes and pride of life, hardened heart that ne'er will break
Though I hear that you alone can make this stone a heart of flesh
Off in bitterness I linger choosing chains, not freedom's rest

CHORUS: All our hearts long for, we find in you, O Lord
Help us want you more, than idols we adore
Give us eyes to see your matchless beauty
Shatter unbelief, come and make us free

I'm addicted to the lie that my thirsty soul
Can be quenched by earth's supply, vainly seized by my control
Though I know that you alone have living water's richest store
Oft you find me savoring droplets out of cisterns cracked and poor

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people
for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you
were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had
not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Song of Assurance

Marvelous Light

CHORUS: Into marvelous light I'm running
Out of darkness out of shame
Through the cross you are the truth
You are the life you are the way

I once was fatherless; a stranger without hope
Your kindness wakened me; wakened me from my sleep now
Your love it beckons deeply; a call to come and die
By grace now I will come and take this life take your life

PRE-CHORUS: Sin has lost its power; death has lost its sting
From the grave you've risen victoriously

My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stains now clean
Your breath fills up my lungs; now I'm free, now I'm free (repeat)

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

*K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.

Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

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Sermon

Eat, Drink, and Enjoy?

*Song of Response

We Are Thankful

For goodness and for mercy
That has surely followed us
And every blessing we could never earn
For all the gifts we cherish
That are pictures of your love

What could we ever offer in return

CHORUS: Thank You, thank You, Father, thank You
You are always good
Thank You, thank you, Father, thank You
You are always faithful, and we are thankful

For sorrows and for trials
That You send to shape our hearts
And pain that keeps us clinging to your grace
For faith within the fire
Or your presence in the dark
What can we sing no matter what we face?

For pardon and forgiveness
Through our Savior's sacrifice
And death that's swallowed up in victory
For love that's never failed us
And your everlasting life
What will we say for all eternity?

*Benediction

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Ecclesiastes

Eat, Drink, and Enjoy?
Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Don't forget to park far and sit close if you're able to best serve one another and any visitors.

August Calendar

clemsonpres.org/fall or in the CPC app

Learn about all the opportunities to be involved with the life of the church and find ways to connect this fall!

26: Women's Wednesday Evening Study begins

27: Women's Thursday Study begins

30: College Sunday School begins, Women's Group Chats (ages 18-22)

Sunday School

Consider joining a Sunday School class! Adults have several classes to choose from: Ephesians, Prayer, and James. Sunday School is one of the easiest ways to begin connecting with others in the church while learning about Scripture and faith.

***College Sunday School starts next week, August 30, in 2W2 (upstairs of the Worship Center)!*

Community Groups | clemsonpres.org/groups

Community Groups signups are open. These groups are designed to help you grow in community—where you are encouraged through authentic relationships, equipped by God and His Word, and engaged in God's mission for our church and city. Use the link above to join a group or learn more about community groups.

Membership Class

Begins September 13 | Sundays | 10am | Library

Learn more about what it means to be a member of Clemson Presbyterian Church through our eight-week membership class. Pastors Bryan and Reid will lead weekly discussions around our values, vision, mission, ministries, membership vows, and more.

Group Chats

August 30 | 7:30pm

Women age 18-23 are invited to join a small group of older women for honest conversation and shared wisdom.

We'll meet at a church member's home. Email womensministry@clemsonpres.org to get the address or stop at the table in the lobby.

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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