

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 30, 2026

Reflection

“The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one.”

Thomas Chalmers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6-9

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People: *God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might O sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

CHORUS: You alone are the matchless King
To you alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might untellable love
While angels delight to worship above
The humbler creation with feeble refrain
With true adoration shall sing your acclaim.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Revelation 7:9-12

I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and

languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.”

*Song of Assurance

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me
I see his wounds his hands his feet, my Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

CHORUS: O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise his Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Missionary Introduction & Testimony

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*

**K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.*

Waiting Here For You

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move
We come with expectation, waiting here for you, waiting here for you

You're the Lord of all creation, and still you know my heart
The Author of salvation, you've loved us from the start

Waiting here for you with our hands, lifted high in praise
And it's you we adore, singing alleluia

You are ev'rything you've promised, your faithfulness is true
We're desp'rate for your presence, all we need is you

We will wait for you Lord, in step with you Lord we sing alleluia

Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

Waiting here for you with our hands, lifted high in praise
And it's you we adore singing alleluia
Waiting here for you with our hands
Lifted high in praise, and it's you we adore singing alleluia
We're singing alleluia, waiting here for you with our hands
Lifted high in praise, and it's you we adore singing alleluia
Singing alleluia

Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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Sermon

The Problem with Time

*Song of Response

In The Valley (Bless The Lord)

When the path that I feared, is the way he has set
And I long to give in and retreat, still to Jesus I hold
As I face every step, for the Lord he will give me his peace

CHORUS 1: Bless the Lord he will give me his peace
Bless the Lord he will give me his peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord he will give me his peace

When the road that I tread, fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end
Still to Jesus I hold, who will walk with me there
And the Lord he will give me his strength

CHORUS 2: Bless the Lord he will give me his strength
Bless the Lord he will give me his strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord he will give me his strength

On the road that you walked, with the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow you held
So to you I shall hold, you redeem every loss
For my Lord you have given yourself

CHORUS 3 (2x): Bless the Lord for he gives me himself
Bless the Lord for he gives me himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord for he gives me himself

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*Benediction

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Ecclesiastes

The Problem with Time
Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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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 | 7pm

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.

CPC Moms

September 4 | 10am | 1E6

CPC Moms meets monthly to create life-giving relationships and encourage young moms. You can expect warm, welcoming, and real conversations, encouragement, and mentorship from experienced moms over coffee and snacks.

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*