

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 9, 2026

Reflection

John 14:26

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 56:9-11

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Hymn #529

Love Divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 102:1-2

Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Reading of Scripture

Acts 1:4-11

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Sermon

God's Plan for the Church

Confession of Sin

Leader:

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

*Song of Assurance

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus, on the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished, he has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered, great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed
Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that Cross

ENDING: Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross, it was finished upon that Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be one with God and to be sent by him for the salvation of sinners. If what you claim is true, and what you have

done matters, then open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is real, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief
Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved so that I might be in union with Jesus. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution and Prayer

Sharing of the Bread

Jesus, I Am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, and thy beauty fills my soul.
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

CHORUS: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine.
Know thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art.
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longing, meets, supplies its every need.
Compasseth me round with blessing; thine is love indeed!

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace.

Passing of the Cup

*Song of Response

Doxology, Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Benediction

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Acts

God's Plan for the Church
Acts 1:4-11

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: Next Week

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!

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!

9: 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 Wednesday Evening Study begins

27: Women's Thursday Study begins

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

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.

Wednesday Nights Resume this Week!

CPC Kids MidWeek, Youth Dgroups, and Choir all start back this Wednesday! We are looking forward to having everyone back on campus during the week! *(Women's Wednesday Evening Study resumes on Aug 26 and Men's Wednesday Study returns August 19)*

Men's Study

Friday Study resumes August 14 | 7am | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Study resumes August 18 | 6:30pm | 2W3

This fall, the men's study will walk through the wisdom of Proverbs, exploring how the gospel reshapes our understanding and daily application of its teachings. Together we'll see how Christ has fulfilled these commands and now empowers His people to follow in His ways.

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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