

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 13, 2026

Reflection
Life doesn't fit. The world doesn't fit. There will be some better times, and there will be some worse times, but you're on a pilgrimage homeward bound.
–Tim Keller

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Meditation
Still, My Soul, Be Still
Choir

***Invocation**

***Call to Worship**
Psalm 145:13-17
Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
All: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
All: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
Leader: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
All: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

***Song of Praise**

Ancient of Days
Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one king reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

CHORUS: None above him, none before him
All of time in his hands
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O his love is sure, and he knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days (CHORUS)

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Savior King
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (CHORUS)

TAG: For my God is the Ancient of Days

Confession of Sin
Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace
2 Corinthians 5:21
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Song of Assurance**
The Power of the Cross
Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life finished the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suff'ring, I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live;
Won through Your selfless love.

FINAL CHORUS This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us
What a life what a cost; we stand forgiven at the cross

Congregational Prayer

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

Reading of Scripture
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
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Sermon
The Danger of Church

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 and Cup
The Father Is Calling
The Father is calling with mercy to save
His Spirit is drawing you into his gaze
And the shame that you bear from the stain of your sin
Is not turning his head, it's calling you in.
It's his kindness that leads us, to bow at his throne
His grace and forgiveness are bringing us home
Whatever you've done and wherever you've been
The love of the Father is calling you in

CHORUS: The Father is calling you in to feast at the table
The table of grace,
He's calling, he's calling you in
You stand in the light of his face
So lift up your hands in this place

No longer forsaken, released from our fear
We take this invitation, to all who will hear
Proclaiming the truth , that there's freedom from sin
And the love of the Father that's calling them in (CHORUS)

BRIDGE 2x: He'll bless you and keep you
He'll make his face shine
Be gracious unto you, his countenance bright
He'll bless you and keep you, he'll make his face shine upon you

And he will give you peace (CHORUS)

ENDING: Church you stand in the light of his face
Take your seat at the table of grace.

***Song of Response**
Gloria Patri, Hymn 735
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen, Amen.

***Benediction**

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Ecclesiastes

The Danger of the Church
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Congregational Meeting

October 11 | 10am | Fellowship Hall |

The Session has called a meeting to elect officers. The candidates were nominated last year and have been in training for the past year. The Session is recommending them to the congregation for members to vote on. Read their bios at clemsonpres.org/candidates and you'll hear from them at the meeting before voting.

Women's Salad Supper | September 14 | 6-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Come and gather with women of all ages, including teens and college-age women, for fellowship, encouragement and dinner. Bring a salad or dessert to share with others and hear an encouraging message from one of our members.

Officer Nominations | September 13-October 11

clemsonpres.org/nominations

Our church is led by elders and deacons voted on by the congregation. Officer Nominations begin today! Begin praying about whom you can nominate for the office of elder or deacon. Want to know more about what elders and deacons do and the qualifications for each role? Use the link above or head to the CPC app.

Men's Cookoff & Cornhole | September 26 | 6-8pm | Side Lawn

All men are invited to a relaxed evening on the side lawn with good food, easy conversation, and a little friendly corn hole. A few of our best grillers will be cooking, and you're welcome to bring your kids, grandkids, or a friend. It's a simple way to meet people and enjoy time together.

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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Senior Pastor: Bryan Counts, **Associate Pastor of Students & Families:**

Matthew Icard, **Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship:** Reid Jones

Worship Director: Laurie Parsons, **Women's Director:** Paula Miles,

Administration Director: Bill Thompson, **Communications Director:**

Sara Dixon, **Youth Coordinator:** Kate Lewis, **CPC Kids Coordinator:**

Elizabeth Fortune, **Nursery Coordinator:** Bailie Rabon, **Senior Pastor's**

Assistant: Ruthann Crane **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