

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 20, 2026

Reflection

“Our weakness is not in the way of God's plan. It's part of the plan, because the results don't rest on our shoulders.”

–Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Meditation

I Need Thee Every Hour

Men’s Ensemble

*Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
All: *They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.*
Leader: Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.
All: *But you remain the same, and your years will never end.*

*Song of Praise

You Are Unchanging

Before the skies were born, before the oceans roared
Before the mountains reached for the burning stars
Through all Your words and ways
Through every promise made
Through every means of grace that reveals Your heart

CHORUS: You are unchanging faithful unfailing
Now and forevermore
God everlasting sovereign and reigning
Now and forevermore

In every season here
In waves of joy and tears
In all the ways our eyes only see in part
With every trial we face
With every test of faith
With our eternal hope written in Your scars

When earth and heaven fade
When sight has bloomed from faith
When we are home at last in our Savior's arms
Then all will be made right
Then every tear will dry
Then Your redeeming light will destroy the dark

Call to Confession

based on 1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

*Song of Assurance

Nothing but the Blood, Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

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

Reign in Us

You thought of us before the world began to breathe
And you knew our names before we came to be
You saw the very day we'd fall away from you
And how desp'rately we need to be redeemed
Lord Jesus come lead us
We're desp'rate for Your touch

CHORUS: Oh great and mighty One
With one desire we come

That you would reign
That you would reign in us
We're off'ring up our lives
A living sacrifice
That you would reign
That You would reign in us

Spirit of the living God fall fresh again
Come search our hearts and purify our lives
We need your perfect love we need your discipline
We're lost unless you guide us with your light
Lord Jesus come lead us
We're desp'rate for your touch

BRIDGE: We cry out for your life to refine us
Cry out for your love to define us
Cry out for your mercy to keep us
Blameless until you return

Reading of Scripture

Romans 7:21-25

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Sermon

Rev. Bill Bennett

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church Plant

*Song of Response

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

*Benediction

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Sermon Notes

Romans 7:21-25

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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.

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 Sunday! 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.

Engaging with Dementia

first meeting September 27 | 4-5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Engaging with Dementia is a monthly gathering designed to help us build a more compassionate, informed, and supportive community for those walking through dementia. Led by Janet Benedict, these informal meetings offer space to ask questions, gain clarity, and learn how to care well without stigma. The group is open to all, regardless of age or personal connection to dementia, as we seek to bring gospel hope into real places of suffering. Contact Janet at benedictj237@gmail.com for more information.

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