

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 25, 2026

Reflection

You know men used to lay up their richest wines in the lowest cellars;
so God lays up his richest treasures of his grace in the heart of the
humble and lowly.

—Ebenezer Erskine

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*Invocation

*Hymns of Praise

To Christ the Lord

To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring
When He’s the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of his face and on his glories dwell
Think of the wonder of his grace and all his triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon his awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned, his lips with grace o’erflow
No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men
And fairer He than all the fair that fills the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress he fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of his abode he brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be thine
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can’t help but sing!
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Be Thou My Vision, Hymn #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*Song of Assurance

You Alone Can Rescue

Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

CHORUS: And you alone can rescue, you alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To you alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way
The great divide you healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes your love goes further still

BRIDGE (2x): We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

*K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Choir

Ministry Moment RUF

Rev. Joel Brown

RUF Campus Minister, SC State Univ

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

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Sermon

The Fourth Watch

Rev Joel Brown

*Song of Response

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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*Benediction

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Membership Class | January 30-31 | clemsonpres.org/membership

Interested in being a member at Clemson Pres? Learn more about the church and what membership is during the class. This is a weekend class meeting on Friday from 5:30-8pm and Saturday from 9-12:30pm. Let us know you're coming at the link above.

Churches for Change: Supporting Collins Family Ministries
collinsfamilyministries.org/

One of Mercy Ministry partners is Collins Family Ministries. They embody the love of Christ by offering compassion, stability, and hope to children, young adults, and families in need—helping them flourish in Christ-centered homes. This week we are praying everyday for them. The children and youth have been collecting coins for the past few weeks to donate to their ministry. If you'd like to join in, stop in the lobby to give any loose change.

***Want to get the prayer prompts everyday? You can stop in the lobby to get printed copies or opt into prayer notifications in the CPC app. *(click the profile button on the top right, scroll to notifications, toggle on “prayer”)*

Women’s Wednesday & Thursday Evening Bible Studies

The evening women's studies begin this week! These groups watch the video teaching on their own and then come together to discuss the lesson, pray together, and encourage one another.

Wednesday Evening | 6:30pm | Library

Thursday Evening | 6:30pm | member’s home in Seneca (need the location? Email womensministry@clemsonpres.org)

College Lunch | Fellowship Hall | today after church

After service today, walk over to the Fellowship Hall to have lunch with other college students! There will be church members to welcome you and they're looking forward to spending time with you. Lunch is provided and you're welcome to bring a friend or roommate.

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!

Stay in Touch: Subscribe to church emails or download the Clemson Pres app at clemsonpres.org/contact.

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