

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 12, 2025

**Reflection**  
In Jesus your greatest nightmares are not only erased, they are dealt with on the cross. –Tim Keller

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** **1 Chronicles 16:10**  
*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise**  
*To God Be the Glory*, Hymn # 55  
Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; William H. Doane, 1875  
Acts 4:21

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Confession of Sin**  
*Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace** **Romans 8:31-34**  
If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously

give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**\*Song of Assurance**  
*God Is for Us*  
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Romans 8:31

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with you by our side  
You will go before us, you will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only you can save

CHORUS: Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still your love is sure  
You will not abandon. You will not forsake.  
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace

BRIDGE: Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave his Son to free us  
Holds me in his love

**Congregational Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**  
*\*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*  
*\*K5-First Grade are invited to Engage.*  
*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Words by William Williams alt. by Jeremy Casella Music by Jeremy Casella  
Psalm 48:14

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

ENDING: Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye  
**Reading of Scripture** **1 Timothy 3:1-13**  
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**Sermon**  
*You Need the Church*

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
If you are not able to receive the Lord's Supper today, we are glad you're here. We have many in our church who are processing what it means to become a Christian, or who might be believers but are not able to receive it today. If that's you, you might spend this time meditating on one of the following prayers:  
*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**  
*Holy Spirit*  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
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John 14:16-17

Holy Spirit living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for your purity,  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made  
Show your power once again on earth  
Cause your church to hunger for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ, may be clear for all the world to see

Passing of the Cup

\*Hymn of Response

*Doxology*, Hymn #731

Thomas Kern, 1709; Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551  
Psalm 150:6

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Benediction

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | October 26

[clemsonpres.org/celebrate](https://clemsonpres.org/celebrate)

We can't wait to celebrate God's kindness and faithfulness to Clemson Pres for 40 years! John Hall, one of our former pastors, will preach on Sunday morning. Then at 4pm we'll gather in the Worship Center for a hymn sing, prayer, and stories of God's faithfulness. Then we'll head out to the side lawn for free bbq and hot dogs, live music, and lawn games. Mark your calendars and let us know you're coming at the link above.

**Officer Nominations** close today. If you'd like to nominate someone, head to [clemsonpres.org/nominations](https://clemsonpres.org/nominations).

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We're so grateful for their work, time, energy, and prayer and we want to honor them for their spiritual leadership and acknowledge the sacrifices they and their families make. Leave a note for them in the boxes in the lobby throughout the month of October.

5 Week Membership Class | begins Oct 19 | 9am | Library

[clemsonpres.org/membership](https://clemsonpres.org/membership)

The membership class starts next week! It will meet during the Sunday School hour, so the nursery will open and CPC Kids' Sunday School will meet. Learn about our values, vision, and how you can connect and serve with us.

Clemson Community Card Food Drive

During the month of October, you can stop in the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care. Drop the bag off in the lobby and we'll take donations. If you'd prefer to shop Clemson Community Care's Amazon wish list, stop in the lobby to get QR code.

**What's happening at Clemson Pres this week?** Find the church calendar in the CPC app or at [clemsonpres.org/calendar](https://clemsonpres.org/calendar).

**Stay in Touch:** Subscribe to church emails or download the Clemson Pres app at [clemsonpres.org/contact](https://clemsonpres.org/contact).

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1 Timothy 3:1-13

*You Need the Church*

**Deacons:** Tommy Barron, John Thomas Campbell, Ensley Feemster, David Gambrell, David Haile, Bill Harley, Allen Lohmann, Zach Miller, David Thorsland, Joel Ward, Paul Watters

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