

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 5, 2025

Reflection
There are no ordinary people. You have never met a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.
—C. S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy Forever

Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Jesus) Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all, all thrones and dominions
All powers and positions, Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy, all creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy, to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy, Holy forever

TAG: You will always be Holy, Holy forever

Song of Confession

Come and Make Us Free

Zac Hicks and Julie Anne Vargas

I'm a doubter of Your grace, and my heart won't cease
Seeking love in every place but Your perfect arms of peace
Though I see that all my longings find their journey's end in you
Oft they wander in the byways cheaply lured by every hue

I'm a slave to lowly thoughts that I cannot shake
Lust of eyes and pride of life, hardened heart that ne'er will break
Though I hear that You alone can make this stone a heart of flesh
Oft in bitterness I linger choosing chains, not freedom's rest

CHORUS: All our hearts long for, we find in You, O Lord
Help us want You more, than idols we adore
Give us eyes to see your matchless beauty
Shatter unbelief, come and make us free

I'm addicted to the lie that my thirsty soul
Can be quenched by earth's supply, vainly seized by my control
Though I know that You alone have living water's richest store
Oft you find me savoring droplets out of cisterns cracked and poor

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 5:2

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

***Song of Assurance**

Christ Surrendered All

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Music: Winfield S. Weeden, 1896 ©2014 Unbudding Fig Music (ASCAP)

All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered; all to me You freely gave
All my sin You bravely shouldered
All for me, my life to save
All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered all your rights You left behind
Trading might for humble weakness
For the good of all mankind

REFRAIN: Christ surrendered all, Christ surrendered all
All for me and my salvation, Christ surrendered all

All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered, all for me, your enemy
Worldly pleasures I was seeking
Still, Lord, You were seeking me

All Your life is all my merit, all Your death my ransom paid
Now I feel no condemnation
Just a love that cannot fade

Welcoming New Members and Sacrament of Baptism

Ceila Joy and Sadie Claire Sherard

Congregational Prayer

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

Reading of Scripture

John 8:1-11
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Sermon

Remaking God in Our Image

***Song of Response**

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground;
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness;
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine;
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

***Benediction**

The Lord's Supper

Next week we'll celebrate communion during the worship service.

40th Anniversary Celebration | October 26

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 are open for one more week! Nominate someone and learn more about the office of elder and deacon at clemsonpres.org/nominations.

Congregational Meeting | Next Sunday, October 12 | 9am

The Session has called a congregational meeting to vote on officer candidates and a salary package for Reid Jones. We'll also get an update on the Kurdistan Partnership.

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

If you're interested in becoming a member or learning about membership at CPC, come to the next membership class starting in October! 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.

Elders: *Bryan Counts, Matthew Icard, Reid Jones, Brinck Bowers, Doug Bull, Bill Caldwell, Jimmy Dixon, Mark Dodd, Bill Fisk, Will Huss, Kevin Miles, David Myers, Chris Peters, Conrad Shuler, Barry Swiger, Doug Wilson, Rob Vaughn*

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

What's happening at Clemson Pres this week? Find the church calendar in the CPC app or at clemsonpres.org/calendar.

TELLING A BETTER STORY

John 8:1-11

Remaking God in Our Image

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