

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 9, 2025

Reflection
“The love of Christ for us is to be held forth as the great constraining motive to religion, and the life of Christ as the bright, engaging pattern of it.”
— Thomas Foxcroft

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**
Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.
People: *He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
People: *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*
All: *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Hymn #53
Based on Psalm 103; Joachim Neander, 1680,
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

On each verse line three and four can be combined.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
(Change thou to to)
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen, sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him. (Change to fore'er)

Confession of Sin **Isaiah 53:4-6**
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **1 Peter 2:24-25**
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

***Song of Assurance**
Nailed to the Cross
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When I stand accused by my regrets
And the Devil roars his empty threats
I will preach the gospel to myself, that I am not a man condemned
For Jesus Christ is my defense

CHORUS 1: My sin is nailed to the cross, my soul is healed by the scars
The weight of guilt I bear no more, praise the Lord (Oh) praise the Lord

When my doubt and shame hang over me
Like the arrows of the enemy
I will run again to Calvary, that rugged hill of Hell's defeat
My fortress and my victory

CHORUS 2: My sin is nailed to the cross, my soul is healed by the scars
Now I'm alive forevermore, praise the Lord, praise the Lord

BRIDGE: It is finished, sin is vanquished
Hallelujah, praise the Lord, all the glory, all the honour
To my Savior, Christ the Lord

When I stand before the throne at last
His blood will plead my innocence
I will worship him with holy hands, and raise the song that never ends
Of Jesus Christ, my righteousness

ENDING: Oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Congregational Prayer

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

Reading of Scripture **1 Timothy 4:11-5:2**
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Sermon
Leadership in the Christian Community

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
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleeker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the king
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; he the perfect Son of Man,
In His living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Slain by death, the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope:
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when He comes.

Passing of the Cup

*Hymn of Response

Gospel Doxology

Zac Hicks and Julie Anne Vargas, 2014

Your perfect Law exposes me. I feel my sin and desperate need.
 My best good works are powerless to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me: his life, my only victory.
 His death forever sealed in time that I am his and he is mine!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
 Praise him all creatures here below!
 Praise him above ye heavenly host!
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*Benediction

Women’s Christmas Gathering | December 4
 7pm | Sanctuary

Come celebrate the Christmas season with the women of CPC!
 We’ll have dessert ready for you before we sing, pray, and hear
 God’s word. The Christmas Gathering is a great place to invite your
 friends to pause and celebrate Christmas at the beginning of the
 season. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at
clemsonpres.org/gathering or in the CPC app. Have questions?
 Stop at the table in the lobby.

College Lunch | Today after the service | Fellowship Hall

College Students are invited to lunch today after church! We have
 food ready and are excited to spend time with you mid-semester!

MTW Month of Prayer | mtw.org/30-days-of-prayer

In November, MTW (Mission to the World), our denomination’s
 missions branch, hosts a month of prayer. Join others in our
 denomination to pray for worldwide missions with daily prayer
 prompts at the link above.

Elders: Bryan Counts, Matthew Icard, Reid Jones, 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

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Living Truth

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1Timothy 4:11-5:2