

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

December 7, 2025

Reflection
“Hoping does not mean doing nothing. It is not fatalistic resignation. It means going about our assigned tasks, confident that God will provide the meaning and the conclusions.”
— Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Advent Reading**
Micah 5:2
Thomas and Cindy Darnell

Song of Meditation
God with Us
Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

***Invocation**

***Carol of Praise**
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840;
arr. by William H Cummings, 1856

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

REFRAIN: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Confession of Sin
“Father, we confess with our lips the blessedness of taking refuge in you. However, our lives proclaim a different story. We sing the wonders of your love, but in our hearts we grumble and complain about your perfect law, under whose wise counsel we chafe. We declare that we long for your coming, but in truth we are more wrapped up in the gifts that you give us than we are in you yourself. Instead of rejoicing in the heritage you have given us, and humbly resting in your wisdom in the trials into which you bring us, we are constantly concerned about the present and fearful for the future. Father, forgive us.”
— Barbara Duguid and Wayne Duguid Houk, *Prone to Wander*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace
Isaiah 45:22-23
“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’”

***Song of Assurance**
Lamb of God
Bob Kauflin | David LaChance Jr. | Jason Hansen
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O Lamb of God, all worlds obeyed Your will
From dark and void their being came
O Lamb of God, Your glories echo still
Creation sings its Maker's praise
Eternal God, One with the Father
Before all time You dwelt in love
Eternal God, unlike all others
Yet You descended unto us

O Lamb of God, in filthy manger lay
In humble dress You entered earth
O Lamb of God, Creator bows to save
The needy ones, helpless from birth
Incarnate Word, gift of the Father
To take our place and bear our sin
Incarnate Word, led to the slaughter
You conquered death and rose again

O Lamb of God, now reigning on the throne
The Judge of all, faithful and true
O Lamb of God, You'll make Your power known
When all Your foes receive their due
Victorious King, when history's fading
You'll call Your Bride to take her place
Victorious King, creation's waiting
For Your redeemed to see Your face
For Your redeemed to see Your face

Receiving New Members
Heidi & Peter Brennan, George Douglass, Beau Garrett, Kate Lewis, Ian Lindner, Peyton McGuire, Abby McNamee, Ben Miserendino, Sean Morris, Hannah Schaupp, William Sharpe, and Emma Thorland

Sacrament of Baptism
Heidi Ann Brennan, Peter James Brennan

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give
K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.
What Child Is This?
Arr. by Sean Paul

Reading of Scripture
1 Timothy 6:11-16

Sermon
Eyes on the Prize

***Song of Response**
His Glory And My Good
Ben Fielding, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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I have seen my Father's glory, revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward, for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus, on the road not understood
For I know that He is working, for His glory and my good

CHORUS: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus, upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness, deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me, for His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing, that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom, that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father, where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him, for His glory and my good
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TAG: For I know His glory is my good

***Benediction**

Communion: Next week during the Worship Service we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Lessons & Carols and Cookie Fellowship | Dec 14 | 6pm | Sanctuary

Lessons and Carols is one of our favorite services of the year! The service alternates between singing a hymn and reading Scripture, working our way through the entire Christmas story. Lessons and Carols allow us to engage in Scripture in a fresh way.

Bring a plate of cookies to share for afterwards!

High School Progressive Dinner | Dec 10 | 6pm

The High School progressive dinner is a fun way to celebrate Christmas and the end of a semester together! They will go to three church members' homes and have a different part of their meal at each home. At the last home they do a white elephant gift exchange. Email youthministry@clemsonpres.org with any questions.

Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 5:30pm

Worship with us for a candlelight Christmas Eve Service! Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome. The nursery will be open for children 4 years old and under.

Look/After Christmas Offering: Each year at the Christmas Eve service, we take a special offering for the Geneva Relief Fund run by our denomination. This money goes to support pastors and their families or widows during hard times. Over the next few weeks, pray about how you may be able to give to this fund. If you'd like to donate now or learn more go to genevabenefits.org/relief-fund/lookafter/.

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

Eyes on the Prize
1 Timothy 6:11-16

1) Warfare

2) Waiting

3) Worship