

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 3, 2025

Reflection

O Christ our Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. As conies to their rock, so have we run to Thee for safety; as birds from their wanderings, so have we flown to Thee for peace. Chance and change are busy in our little world of nature and men, but in Thee we find no variableness nor shadow of turning. We rest in Thee without fear or doubt and face our tomorrows without anxiety. Amen. —A. W. Tozer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*Invocation

*Songs of Praise

God All Nature Sings Thy Glory, Hymn #122
David Clowney, 1960; L. van Beethoven, 1824

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might:
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night,
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature, praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in, man whom thou hast made for thee:
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker, to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders, of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy, in thy Word of truth revealed,
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee, now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will,
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

Indescribable

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From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings; all exclaiming:

CHORUS: Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name: You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim: You are amazing, God!

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:

FINAL CHORUS: Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name: You are amazing, God!
In comparable, unchangeable; You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same: You are amazing, God!

Confession of Sin

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

*Song of Assurance

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson
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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

ENDING

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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Receiving New Members

Christina and Will Vance

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give
Kids K5 and 1st grade are dismissed to Engage

Reading of Scripture

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Sermon

Does God Hear Your Cry?

*Hymn of Response

All for Jesus! Hymn #565
Mary Dagworthy James

All for Jesus all for Jesus, all my being's ransomed pow'rs
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise

Wordlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure, only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified

O what wonder how amazing, Jesus glorious King of kings
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings

*Benediction

Communion will be celebrated next week during the Worship Service.

Fall 2025 | clemsonpres.org/fall

Our weekly ministries are starting soon, offering something for everyone: men's and women's Bible studies, kids' programs, youth group, Sunday School, community groups, etc. Learn more on the website or CPC app for details!

August Start Dates:

9: Pursuing the Heart Workshop

10: Congregational Meeting, Middle & High School Youth Group

11: Women's Circle 4

13: Women's Morning Bible Study, Youth Dgroups, CPC Kids

MidWeek, Choir, Prayer Meeting

15: Men's Bible Study

20: Women's Wednesday Evening Study

21: Women's Thursday Evening Study

Pursuing the Heart Workshop | Aug 9 | 9-1:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Sign up at clemsonpres.org/fall or the CPC app

Learn how to move beyond surface-level conversations to connect with others at a deeper level. Bill Thompson will lead through interactive modeling and discussion to help you gain practical skills and tools to lovingly listen and help others discover their own hearts, just as Jesus did.

Congregational Meeting | August 10 | 9am | Fellowship Hall

Come to the yearly congregational meeting next Sunday for the budget presentation and how it will support ministry for the next year! If you are a member, be there to vote on making Reid Jones an Associate Pastor. *Nursery, kids, and youth Sunday Schools will meet. Adult Sunday School will not.*

Women's Bible Study | clemsonpres.org/women

This fall Women's Bible Study will look at Isaiah in a study called *Sovereign King, Compassionate Redeemer*. Through large group teaching and small group discussion, women are invited to study God's Word in the context of authentic gospel-centered relationships. Let us know you're coming at the link above so we can start putting small groups together, but you're also welcome to just show up.

Join a study:

- Wednesdays at 9:15am, Fellowship Hall, childcare provided, starts August 13
- Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Library, starts August 20
- Thursdays at 6:30pm, Seneca, starts August 21 (email womensministry@clemsonpres.org for the address.)

Sunday School | Sundays at 9am | beginning August 17th

Three adult Sunday School classes will explore different aspects of this year's theme: *Your Word is Truth*. Sunday School is meant to equip and encourage you while connecting you with other believers and God's Word. Pick a class at clemsonpres.org/sundayschool.

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

PSALMS

Psalm 116

Does God Hear Your Cry?

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

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