

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

February 15, 2026

## Reflection

How God loves us: not because we are lovable, but because he is love, not because he needs to receive, but he delights to give.

-C. S. Lewis

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Isaiah 52:7-9**

**Leader:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**People:** The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

**All:** Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

## \*Invocation

## \*Hymns of Praise

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**, Hymn #164

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

**Praise My Soul the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor, to our fathers in distress.  
Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

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## Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

**Matthew 7:8-11**

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

## \*Song of Assurance

### Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

CHORUS: You're a good, good Father  
It's who you are. It's who you are. It's who you are.  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am. It's who I am. It's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word

BRIDGE 2x: You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable; I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love

## Receiving New Members

Roger & Julie Blevins, Chase Harmon, Jonathan & Emily Harwell, Mike & Kathy Hughes, Gabrielle Wright

## Congregational Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

Men's Ensemble

\*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

\*K5-1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Engage.

**Nearer My God to Thee**

**John 6:60-71**

## Reading of Scripture

## Sermon

*In Life, What Do You Run To?*

## \*Song of Response

### God Is for Us

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

## \*Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

In Life, What Do You Run To?  
**John 6:60-71**

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## Church Library Update

Today is the last day to snag books from the library. After church, stop in and take any of the books you like (except commentaries which will stay).

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## College Lunch | February 22nd | after worship service | Fellowship Hall

College students are invited to lunch next week after church! We'll have the food ready so you can enjoy time with one another as well as a few church members. You're welcome to bring a friend or your roommate.

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## RYM (Youth Summer Camp)

### **Middle School: June 22-26 | High School: July 7-12**

The youth are heading back to RYM this summer! Deposits are due February 18. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to Kate or Matthew. Learn more about RYM at [rym.org/conferences](http://rym.org/conferences) or ask any of our youth who look forward to being there each year.

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## Installation Service for Bill Bennett | February 15 | 6pm

Come to the installation service for our Pickens Church Planter, Bill Bennett! We have been praying for this church plant and a pastor for awhile now and are so excited by how God has provided.

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## Daddy Daughter Dance | February 21 | 6:30-8pm

### [clemsonpres.org/dance](http://clemsonpres.org/dance)

This is a Daddy Daughter dance for all ages! We would love people to invite their friends and neighbors! Tickets are \$5 at the door. Let us know you're coming by registering at [clemsonpres.org/dance](http://clemsonpres.org/dance).

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## Stewardship Report January 2026

General Fund Budget Needs YTD \$935,148

Giving to General Fund YTD \$1,015,875

Actual Expenditures YTD \$895,890

Difference: Surplus (Deficit) \$119,985

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