

CLEMSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

OUR VISION: Our driving passion

By God's grace and for His glory we want to impact our community and the world by raising up countless university students and community members who are transformed by the Gospel and serving others.

OUR MISSION: How we accomplish our vision

To be a loving fellowship that proclaims, celebrates, and demonstrates God's grace in Jesus Christ.

OUR CORE VALUES: What we believe

We are Biblically grounded

We believe that the Bible is God's living word and is completely true in all that it teaches. Because it is God's gracious self-revelation, we joyfully submit to its authority in all areas of life.

We are Gospel-centered

We believe that the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection for sinners can transform any life, family or culture. Therefore, we are optimistic about the power of the Gospel and full of joy because of its work in our life as a church.

We are prayerfully dependent

We believe in the power of prayer, expecting God to accomplish surprising things when His people express their total dependence on Him. Therefore we are boldly asking God to do things so magnificent that we know we could not possibly achieve them in our wisdom and strength.

We are outwardly focused

We believe that our community is a mission field and our gateway to the world. We do not exist solely for ourselves, but for our friends and neighbors who do not know Christ. Because of where God has placed us, the students of Clemson University are central to our outreach.

We are family oriented

We believe that the family is foundational to building a strong community and church. Therefore, we seek to grow families in grace through various age-specific ministries while welcoming all into the family of Christ.

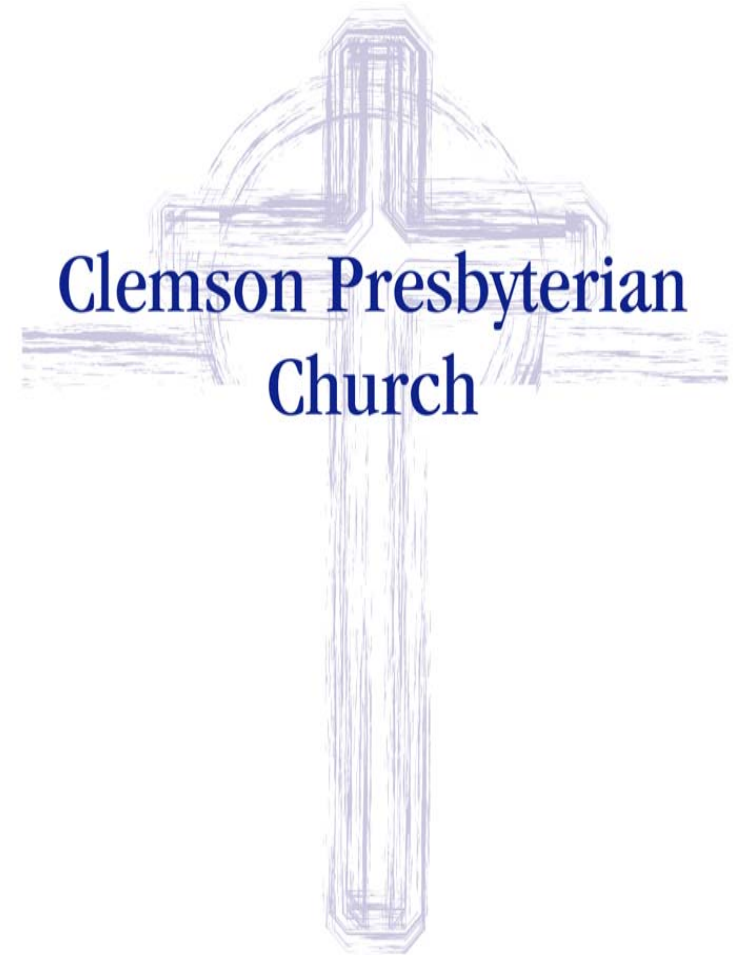
We are historically connected

We believe in the historic creeds of the early church. We are Protestant, affirming the unique authority of the Scriptures; Evangelical, acknowledging the supernatural character of our God; and Reformed, believing that salvation is by grace alone and that God is sovereign. In light of this, we seek to present our distinctives without being divisive.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

We consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 3:8



*Transformed by the Gospel
and Serving Others*

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

March 7, 2010 10:30 am

The Third Sunday in Lent

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst; and to whoever will come —this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Preparation for Worship

- In consideration of others' worship, please mute or turn off all communication devices. Also, please do not bring food or drink into the worship center.
- We set aside the space inside the worship center for people to prepare for worship. The lobby area and many other places are open for vibrant fellowship and interaction with one another. Also, as you take a seat, please move toward the center of each row so that others can find seats more easily.
- The congregation is invited to stand, if able, at points in the service marked with an *. Also, "L" denotes "Leader"; "P" denotes "People"; and "A" denotes "All." We would invite everyone to utilize the bulletin and the visuals, which are intended to encourage and support your worship from the heart, in spirit and in truth.

Reflection

Romans 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Mediation

Prayer of Praise

*Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 47

L: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

P: **How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!**

L: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

P: **He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

L: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sound of trumpets.

P: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

L: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

P: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne!**

L: The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God.

P: **He is greatly exalted!**

*Songs of Praise

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" #310

(words Charles Wesley 1746; music John Darwall 1770)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #457

(words Robert Robinson 1758; music Asahel Nettleton 1825)

Scripture

from Revelation 1:4-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

*Song of Thanksgiving

"Thank You for the Blood"

(M. Redman; ©1999 Thankyou Music)

VERSE: Thank you, thank you for the blood that you shed;
Standing in its blessings we sing these freedom songs.
Thank you, thank you for the battle you won,
Standing in your victory we sing salvation songs; we sing salvation songs.

CHORUS: You have opened the way to the Father
Where before we could never have come;
Jesus, count us as yours now forever as we sing these freedom songs.
We sing of all you've done, we sing of all you've done,
We sing of all you've done for us, won for us, paid for us.

*Song of Confession

"Lord Have Mercy"

(S. Merkel, ©2000; Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

CHORUS: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me;
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me!

2. I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions; help me love you again.

3. I have longed to know You and your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence:
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Corporate Confession of Sin

A: **O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Please use this time to silently confess your sin and reflect upon the sacrifice of love that Jesus Christ made on the cross for you.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

*Song of Assurance

"Ancient Words"

(L. DeShazo, ©2001; Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

1) Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e're we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home

CHORUS: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart

2) Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart!

The Gospel in Action

We would encourage everyone to please fill out and pass the "Fellowship Pads" that are found on each row. Guests, we are honored by your presence among us today and this pad helps us welcome you more fully. CPC members and friends, please use the pad to update any personal information, leave comments, or share prayer requests. Please also note the announcements on the slides and in the bulletin and newsletter. Today's ministry focus is on the Guatemala Missions Trip.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offerings

Offering of Song

