

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 making disciples of 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.

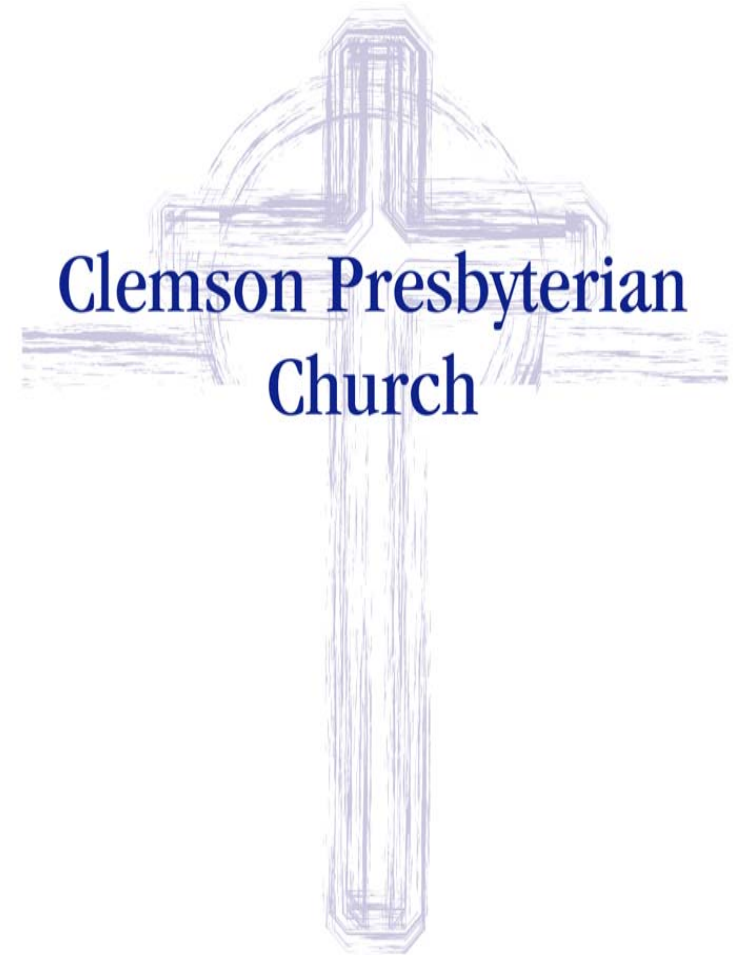
We are historically connected

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*

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WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 1, 2010 10:30 am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength;*

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

*And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity,
Declaring aloud: praise and glory wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength;*

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

--Adrian Howard & Pat Turner, songwriters

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Meditation

*Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 136

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
P: Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.
L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.
P: To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.
L: Who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever.
P: Who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.
L: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
P: He brought Israel out from bondage; His love endures forever.
L: To the One who remembered us in our low estate His love endures forever.
P: And freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever.
A: Give thanks to the God of heaven! His love endures forever.

*Prayer of Praise

*Songs of Praise

"Forever"

(C. Tomlin; ©2001 worshiptogether.com songs)

CHORUS: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong;
Forever God is with us; forever, forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord; Our God and King: His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things: His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise!
2. With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm: His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn: His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise!
3. From the rising to the setting sun: His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on: His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise!

"To Christ the Lord"

(S. Stennett/L. Taylor; ©2001 Laura Taylor Music)

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell

2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow
No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men
And fairer He than all the fair that fills the Heavenly train

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

4. To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

5. Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Song of Petition "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #457

(words Robert Robinson 1758; music Asahel Nettleton 1825)

Corporate Confession of Sin

L: O King and Father, your Son died only to be raised. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life and power.

A: Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

L: For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

A: Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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

1 Peter 2:7-10

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. But you are a

chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

***Song of Assurance "Empty, Broken Here I Stand"**

(Nick & Anita Haigh © 2000 Break of Day Music)

1. Empty, broken here I stand; Kyrie eleison.
Touch me with your healing hand; Kyrie eleison.
Take my arrogance and pride; Kyrie eleison.
Wash me in your mercy's tide; Kyrie eleison.

CHORUS: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

2. When my faith has all but gone; Kyrie eleison.
Give me strength to carry on; Kyrie eleison.
When my dreams have turned to dust; Kyrie eleison.
In you, O Lord, I put my trust; Kyrie eleison.

3. When my heart is cold as ice; Kyrie eleison.
Your love speaks of sacrifice; Kyrie eleison.
Love that sets the captive free; Kyrie eleison.
O pour compassion down on me; Kyrie eleison.

4. You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie eleison.
You're the laughter, dries my tears, Kyrie eleison.
You're my music, my refrain, Kyrie eleison.
Help me sing your song again, Kyrie eleison.

5. Humble heart of holiness, Kyrie eleison.
Kiss me with your tenderness, Kyrie eleison.
Jesus, faithful friend, and true, Kyrie eleison.
All I am I give to you, Kyrie eleison.

Sacrament of Baptism

Katie Elizabeth Connolly

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.

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offering of Song

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”—Dale Wood
Attr. to B.F. White in “The Sacred Harp”

*Scripture Lesson

Jonah 2 :8-10

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Replacing the Idols of Our Hearts”
Part IV: Jonah Series – Our Compassionate and Gracious God !
Preaching today is Dr. David Sinclair, Senior Pastor

*Song of Commitment

“*O for a Closer Walk with God*” #534
(words William Cowper 1779; music John Dykes 1875)

*Benediction

*Postlude “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”—arr. Don Hustad

Announcements

- **Leading worship today** are Dr. David Sinclair and Rev. David Conley, teaching elders; Dr. Bill Fisk, ruling elder; Mrs. Jeanie Gaddis, organist and Dr. Derek Parsons, pianist. Dr. David Sinclair is preaching. All songs used by permission; CCLI# 237085.
- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 15th**, during the Sunday school hour to present the 2010-11 budget and to vote on the pastors’ salary packages. No adult Sunday school classes will meet that date.
- **CPC Summer Sunday Night Series: LEARNING EVANGELISM FROM JESUS.** We are studying various passages in the Gospels in which Jesus encounters unbelievers and demonstrates what it means for us to speak the truth in love.
- **Missions Projects:** August is “School Supplies Month” for Operation Christmas Child. Drop off your items at the “Across the Lands” table in the Worship Center.
- **Men’s Friday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast:** Study: “A Man After God’s Own Heart” – 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, August 29th:** All women will meet together and all men will meet together during the Sunday school hour. Regular adult classes will not meet on that date. More details to come.

“Replacing the Idols of Our Hearts”

I. Our hearts tend to cling to idols in hopes that they will provide from a sense of significance and satisfaction (v.8; Matthew 6:21)

II. The idols of our hearts always prove to be worthless and cause us to forfeit the experienced grace of God (v.8; Jeremiah 2:13; Jeremiah 17:9)

III. Our only hope from the emptiness of our heart idolatry is to know and experience the salvation that comes from the Lord (vv.9, 10; Colossians 3:1-4)

Sermons are available on CD by request as well as on the website. For other resources relating to today’s sermon and more, please visit our library and bookstore.