



# CLEMSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Church Profile*

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## **OUR CHURCH**

In the spring of 1985, 42 Clemson University students and 42 community members came together for our very first worship service. In November of that same year, Clemson Presbyterian Church was formally established as a particular church. Situated at the edge of Clemson University, our church has been given a unique opportunity to serve both the university and the community at large. Our story is a reflection of who we are — our origins, our demographic, our life today, and our vision for the future. Thirty-five years later, we are still serving students and families, singles and seniors, and the Clemson community. God has grown our congregation from a handful of believers to hundreds of faithful worshippers.

As a local church, we exist to worship, love, and glorify God by becoming and developing healthy, mature followers of Jesus.

Our broader congregation is made up of approximately 549 individuals (including 423 communicants) representing every age and stage of life (college students, young families, retirees, etc.). We gather together each week to participate in a blended worship service.

- Women and girls: 289
- Men and boys: 256

Our growing church staff consists of 3 ordained pastors, 2 full time and 11 part-time ministry directors and support staff.

- Associate Pastor of Administration and Discipleship: Steve Dickey
- Associate Pastor of Youth and Families: Matthew Icard

Our nursery and children's ministries currently engage 40+ young and growing families.

- Nursery (0-K4): 28 infants and young children
- Children (K5-5th): 40 children

Our fellowship hall, education building, and worship center are situated on a beautiful 15-acre property. Our church campus is less than a mile from Clemson University and the South Carolina Botanical Gardens.

- The fellowship hall (which served as our first dedicated worship center) seats 275 and contains several offices, a kitchen area, and four smaller gathering rooms.
- The education building houses our main church offices, our nursery facilities, and ten classrooms.
- The worship center seats 900 and contains our church library, a large foyer/hospitality area, and four upstairs classrooms.

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

Clemson is located in the Upstate of South Carolina. We're a small, bustling college town nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains on the shores of Lake Hartwell. Our church also serves many families from surrounding towns including Seneca, Central, Six Mile, Pendleton, and Easley. Geographically speaking, Clemson is the halfway point between Charlotte and Atlanta.

Population of the broader Clemson community (Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson Counties): Approximately 400,000.

Population of Clemson city: Approximately 17,000 (not including the university community)

- Racial Diversity: 82% White, 8% Asian, 6% African-American, 2% Hispanic/Latino, 2% Other
- Educational Background: 12% High School Diploma or GED, 23% Some College or Associates Degree, 60% Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Median Household Income: \$42,000

Total Enrollment of Clemson University: 25,700

- Undergraduate students: 20,100
- Graduate students: 5,600
- Most popular majors: engineering, business, and health professions