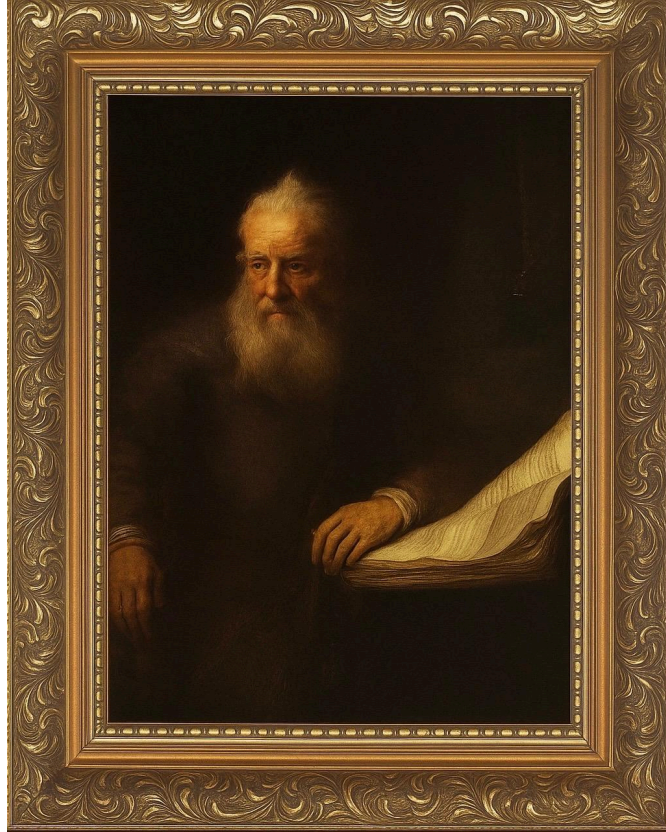


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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JUNE 2025

PRAYER

“You Are the Eternal Father, Eternal Son”

(Hilary of Poitiers)

As long as I have the power by means of the Spirit
which you have given me, Holy Father, Almighty God,
I will confess that you are not only eternally God,
but also eternally Father. I will never make the great mistake
of presuming to judge your infinite power or your mysteries.
On account of my weak understanding, I will not arrogantly seek
more than what I have learned: a devoted belief in your infinite nature,
and faith in your eternity. I will not claim that you were ever
without your wisdom, power, or Word—without the only-begotten God,
my Lord Jesus Christ. Our own weak and imperfect language,
which limits us, does not dominate my thoughts about you, Lord.
My language poverty will not choke faith into silence.
For though we are given an inward freedom of word, wisdom, and power,
your perfect Word, Wisdom, and Power come from a perfect God—
and he can never be separated from yourself. In these names
your eternal properties are shown to be born of you.
Yet his birth—the birth of our Lord Jesus—is only shown to prove
that you are the source of his being. It is enough to confirm our belief
in his infinity, since he was born before times eternal.
Amen.

QUOTE

“When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest,
I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.
In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God,
I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all.
When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.”

(C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

"Worship is the highest act of the soul, and the most excellent duty we owe to God."
(Richard Baxter)

The Gloria Patri –*with uplifted hands*–

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

From Psalm 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (553)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, forgive us our sins.

Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten.

**Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation,
and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.**

Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others,
and the leniency I have shown myself.

**Forgive me for rebelling against the authority structures You've set up in my life.
Jesus, have mercy on me and make me thankful for Your rule and reign in my life.**

Franklin Agnus Dei

Chords: Dm, Am/D, Bb/D, Am/D, Bb/D, C/D, Am/D

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

8 D5, Dm, Am, Bb, Am, Bb, C

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have

16 Am, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Gm

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

24 Dm, Am, Bb, C, Bb, C, D5

world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com

Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

Assurance of Pardon – Titus 2:14

“[Jesus Christ] gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

THE LORD CONSECRATES US

Franklin Sanctus

Chord markings: D, G, Asus, D, G, Asus, G, A, G, D, Asus, G, A D/F# G, D, A/G, G, Asus, G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D, A - men.

Lyrics:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the
san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.
high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.

Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic refers to the universal collection of God’s people throughout all time and from all places.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #51-52

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God’s sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Psalm – “Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near” (380)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b– 21

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: Luke 9:51–62

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

Hymn – “At the Name of Jesus” (838)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: **“Hear our prayer.”***

Sermon – “Seeking the Things Above”

Romans 12:9-12

Clint Lum

The Lord's Prayer (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

Generous and loving God,
We bring you our tithes and offerings
With glad and grateful hearts.
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.
Amen.**

Hymn – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (632)

Hymn – “Thou True Vine, That Heals the Nations” (709)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD – “Amazing Grace” (see next page)

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.

Amazing Grace!

Guitar chords do not match vocals.

Capo 2: F F/C Dm F F/A C

1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me;
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
 5. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail, And mor - tal life shall cease,
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

7. I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be-lieved!
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 I shall pos - sess with - in the veil A life of joy and peace.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun.

Music: Scottish melody; arr. Columbian Harmony, 1829

Text: st. 1-5, John Newton, 1779; st. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

NEW BRITAIN

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THE WINE

We pass the wine with “the peace of Christ.” You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Commissioning Hymn – “Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom” (847)

Charge

Benediction (Romans 15:13)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #51-52 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Amazing Grace” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)
- **Prayer:** “You Are the Eternal Father, Eternal Son” (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For the Tingles and the Hoeks as they grieve and heal from miscarriages.
- For favor over Charlton's and Gabe Rensch's "Business Makers" endeavor, especially as they pursue investors.
- For the stomach issue Mr. Hays has been struggling with.
- For the Haymes family as they look ahead to Caleb's transplant.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
- For Sondra Rowlett, that her cancer stays in remission and no new concerns arise.
- For our own place in God's timing.
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church.
- For the CREC church plant in DC that will be launching in July.
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths.
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

SUMMER TEENAGE GIRLS' FELLOWSHIP

- Sundays, from 4-7pm
- Pool time, Bible Study, skill-building mentorship, and yummy food!
- At the Brookshire (typically)
- Check the ladies' Signal thread for more info

SUMMER MARRIAGE BOOK STUDY (Zoom):

- *For a Glory and a Covering* by Doug Wilson
- Tuesdays from 8:30-9:15pm

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *Out of the Ashes*, by Anthoney Esolen

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch
- Commencing July 11th

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelly Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

**Submit a question for Pastor Brooks
for an upcoming Q&A:**



**Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:**



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



WE AT PILGRIM HILL are striving to cultivate sturdy, maturing Christians across generations for the glory of the Lord and the gladdening expansion of His Kingdom.

(A model for praying the hours. A fuller example will be sent out on Signal this week.)

Morning Prayer—
Reading from the psalter
Responsive prayer

Midday Prayer—
Confession of sin
Reading from psalter
Responsive prayer

Evening Prayer—
Confession of sin
Reading from psalter
Responsive prayer

Nighttime prayer—
Confession of sin
Prayers before the night