

Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP

THE Oaken ECOSYSTEM

THE SOIL OF THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 66:2 / John 17:17
2 Timothy 3:16 / Romans 15:4

THE ROOT SYSTEM OF THE REFORMED TRADITION

Isaiah 45:7-9 / 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Titus 2:10 / 2 Thessalonians 2:15

THE WATER OF COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

Romans 12:1 / Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:15
Colossians 2:5 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

THE SUNLIGHT OF JOYOUS SINGING

Psalms 89:15 / Ephesians 5:19
Psalms 96:1 / Acts 16:25

THE FERTILIZER OF FAITHFUL FATHERS

Ephesians 6:4 / Deuteronomy 6:7
Proverbs 3:12 / Joshua 24:15

THE COUNTRY IS CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Daniel 7:14 / Isaiah 9:7
Revelation 1:5 / Matthew 28:18-20

"...that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting
of the Lord, that he may be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3)

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

05 JANUARY 2025

NEW YEAR
from *Valley of Vision*

O Lord,
Length of days does not profit me
except the days are passed in Thy presence,
in Thy service, to Thy glory.
Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides,
sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour,
that I may not be one moment apart from Thee,
but may rely on Thy Spirit
to supply every thought,
speak in every word,
direct every step,
prosper every work,
build up every mote of faith,
and give me a desire
to show forth Thy praise;
testify Thy love,
advance Thy kingdom.

I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year,
with Thee, O Father as my harbour,
Thee, O Son, at my helm,
Thee O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.
Guide me to heaven with my loins girt,
my lamp burning,
my ear open to Thy calls,
my heart full of love,
my soul free.

Give me Thy grace to sanctify me,
Thy comforts to cheer,
Thy wisdom to teach,
Thy right hand to guide,
Thy counsel to instruct,
Thy law to judge,
Thy presence to stabilize.
May Thy fear by my awe,
Thy triumphs my joy.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!”
(Psalm 96:7)

The Gloria Patri (Refrain of “Angels We Have Heard on High”) –with uplifted hands–

The musical score is written for piano and voice. The piano part consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - - ri - a - - in ex - cel - sis De - o. De - - - - o." The score includes a repeat sign with first and second endings. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase, and the second ending leads to the final measure.

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 – “Lo, He Comes!” (see below)

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Lo! He Comes

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him, Robed in
 3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain, Heav'n and
 4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, See in
 5. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore Thee, High on

fa - vored sin - ners slain; Thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful maj - es - ty; Those who set at
 earth, shall flee a - way; All who hate Him
 sol - emn pomp ap - pear! All His saints, by
 Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the

saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of His
 naught and sold Him, Pierced, and nailed Him to the
 must, con - found - ed, Hear the trump pro - claim the
 man re - ject - ed, Now shall meet Him in the
 pow'r and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom for Thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 day, Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment!
 air: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 own: O come quick - ly; O come quick - ly;

Al - le - lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 O come quick - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come.

Music: attr. Martin Madan, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 Text: Charles Wesley, 1758

HELMSLEY
 8 7. 8 7. 4 7. w/ repeats

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 32)

Lord our God, your Word pronounces a blessing on those who are assured of the forgiveness of their sins through confession; Yet, often we are slow to confess our sins, causing our spirits to groan, and making us susceptible to Satan's accusations.

**We walk into the light now
and confess that we have sinned against you this week.
We have left undone certain good works you have called us to do,
and have done that which you have forbidden.
We have lied through half-truths and vague dodges.
We have dishonored our parents and others in authority.
We have harbored bitterness, and have gossiped about them, even within our own hearts.
We have envied others, believing Your grace towards us is meager and lacking.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

Franklin Agnus Dei

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written for piano and voice. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The piano part consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords. The vocal part is a single melodic line with lyrics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff for the piano and a single staff for the voice. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace." The chords for the piano part are: Dm, Am/D, Bb/D, Am/D, Bb/D, C/D, Am/D, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, Am, Bb, C, Am, D5, Dm, Am, Bb, C, Bb, C, D5.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com
Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

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

Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 4:10

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

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, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D/F# G, A D.

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: # 1 - 3

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Hymn of the Month – “Blessed City, Heavenly Salem” (1027)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:4–15

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

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:40–52

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

Hymn – “Brightest and Best of the Sons” (872)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “A Covenant Primer”

Psalm 25:4-10
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

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 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 – “On Christmas Night” (898)

Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision” (612)

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 – “Joy to the World!” (see next page)

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

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Guitar chords do not match vocals.

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns. Let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And
 ploy While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow Far
 prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

1. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And

16, sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, And Re - peat, and re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His found.
 heav'n and na - ture sing, love.

Music: *Psalmody Britannica*, before 1832
 Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH
 8 6. 8 6. w/ repeat

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 – “Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord” (298)

Charge and Benediction (from Numbers 6)

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And give you peace!

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

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Guitar chords for unison singing only

Based on Luke 2:29–32

The musical score is written for unison singing in 4/4 time, with guitar chords indicated above the staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 29, 31, and 32 indicating the start of new lines of text.

1. ²⁹ Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your Word is now ful - filled.
2. ³¹ This is the Sav - ior of the world, ³² The Gen - tile's pro - mised light,

⁴ ³⁰ These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This Child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** # 1-3 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “**Blessed City, Heavenly Salem**” (verse 1)
- **Memory Verse of the Week:** “All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.” (Psalm 25:10)
- **Prayer:** “New Year,” from the *Valley of Vision* (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Recommended Resources

- **Table Talk:** A rich daily Bible study resource. Grab a family copy in the lobby.
- **Sing Your Part App:** A free app that posts the psalms/hymns we’ll be singing each week (search “Pilgrim Hill”) and provides both the audio and sheet music.

Prayer Requests

Current

- For Wycliffe Carter, unborn son of Elijah and Holly. May the Lord mend and protect his little frame amidst the concerning report from the doctor.
- For the pregnant mothers nearing their due date, and those with higher risk, thinking especially of the Carters and the challenges they’re facing
- Continued transitional grace as Sharon and Mark Haney have welcomed her mother into their home to help care for her
- Peace, protection, and wisdom for the Hegseths amidst this nomination process.
- Prayer for the Haymes as they look towards Caleb’s kidney transplant. Peace, logistical grace, and for skillful medical care.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King’s Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- For Burke Shade, an elder at St. Mark (and currently on our session) whose cancer has come back. Pray that the upcoming treatments will be successful, and for peace for him and his family.
- 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 a permanent building.
- For repentance, reformation and revival to grow in our land.
- 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

PARISH GROUPS - launching the third week of January

- Purpose: to facilitate greater fellowship amongst geographically-connected saints
- Accomplished primarily through bi-weekly meetings for table fellowship, prayer, singing, and typically sermon-based questions or a series-guided study
- The 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of the month*
- Groups
 - **North - hosted by the Pitts**
 - **Ridgetop - hosted by the Lums**
 - **Goodlettsville - hosted by the Potteigers**
 - **Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville - hosted by the Tawls/Coppers**

- Use QR code below to get connected in one
- *days subject to change for some groups

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **“How to Save the World in 11 Simple Steps”** by Douglas Wilson
- January 12, 19, and 26 from 9-9:45am on Lord’s day
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

JANUARY

-Week 3 - Parish Groups Launch

-23rd - Festal Shout!

- Thursday from 6-8pm at the church
- Pizza dinner followed by musical training!

FEBRUARY

-1st - Men’s Prayer Breakfast

- 9-11am at the Brookshire
- Breakfast provided
- Stonewall Lecture #2: Prayer

-27th - Festal Shout!

MARCH

-7/8th - The Christian Family Seminar

- At JECA, featuring Pastor Bill Smith
- Friday 6-8pm; Saturday 9-11, followed by lunch (provided)

-27th - Festal Shout!

OTHER

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**

Men’s Book Study

- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- Fridays at 6:15am @ the Brookshire

Upcoming Women’s Park Meetups:

- Check WhatsApp for details and changes!

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) – stmarkreformed.com/contact

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

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To connect to Pilgrim Hill on the Sing Your Part app:



For the church website & calendar:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:

