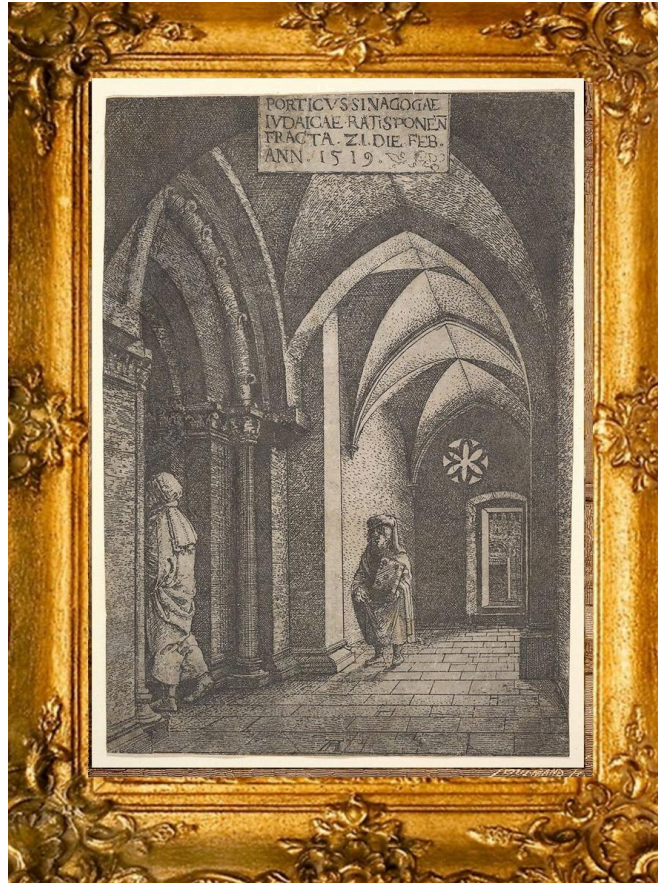


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REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

25 JANUARY 2026

PRAYER

CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION (from *The Valley of Vision*)

O LORD,

I marvel that thou shouldst become incarnate,
be crucified, dead, and buried.

The sepulchre calls forth my adoring wonder,
for it is empty and thou art risen;
the four-fold gospel attests it,
the living witnesses prove it,
my heart's experience knows it.

Give me to die with thee that I may rise to new life,
for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin,
to selfishness, to the world;
that I might not hear the voice of the charmer,
and might be delivered from his lusts.

O Lord, there is much ill about me – crucify it,
much flesh within me – mortify it.

Purge me from selfishness,
the fear of man,
the love of approbation,
the shame of being thought old-fashioned,
the desire to be cultivated or modern.

Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion,
and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Saviour,
to be content to be rejected,
to be willing to take up unpopular truths,
and to hold fast despised teachings until death.

Help me to be resolute and Christ-contained.

Never let me wander from the path of obedience to thy will.

Strengthen me for the battles ahead.

Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys.

Help me to be a holy, happy person,
free from every wrong desire,
from everything contrary to thy mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me,
may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!”
(Psalm 30:12)

*At points in the worship service annotated (†), please stand if able.

† 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 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
“Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

† Hymn – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (508)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, forgive my 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

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written for piano. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a Dm chord and ends with an Am/D chord. The second system starts with a D5 chord and ends with a C chord. The third system starts with an Am chord and ends with a Gm chord. The fourth system starts with a Dm chord and ends with a D5 chord. 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."

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 – Romans 8:1-2

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

✠ 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

Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.

✠ 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.*

† Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 9-11

From Part 1: Our Sin and Misery

9. Q. But does not God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

A. No, for God so created man that he was able to do it. But man, at the instigation of the devil, in deliberate disobedience robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

10. Q. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally, as he has declared: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law (Gal 3:10).

11. Q. But is God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, but he is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.

† Hymn – “O God of Earth and Altar” (596)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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

† Hymn– “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” (825)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “A Settled Confession Amidst a Sea of Grumblers”

John 6:60-71
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 TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

God of all provision—
from Whom all things were created
and for Whom all things were created
we recognize in this moment that all we have is from you.

We are honored to be the King's stewards.

You have blessed us richly,
and we ask for wisdom in all of our financial dealings,
both personally and corporately.

**Receive this portion of our harvest which we bring to You
in faith, obedience, and with joy.**

✠ Hymn – “Trust and Obey” (640)

✠ Psalm – “Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness” (396)

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 – “It Is Well” (see next page)

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

It Is Well

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor -
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin—
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds

rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I
 be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is
 bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well It is well with my soul; with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876
 Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

VILLE DU HAVRE
 11 8. 11 9. w/ refrain

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

✠ Charge

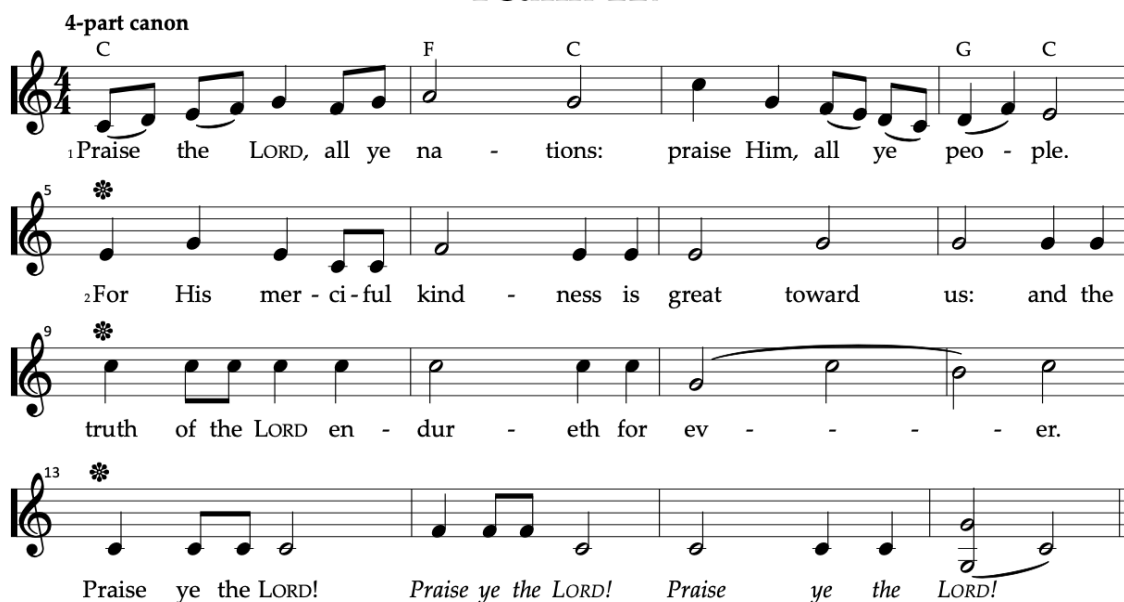
✠ Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

“Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.”

✠ Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Psalm 117

4-part canon



1 Praise the LORD, all ye na - tions: praise Him, all ye peo - ple.

5 2 For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us: and the

9 truth of the LORD en - dur - eth for ev - er.

13 Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD!

Music: David R. Erb, 2005 © derb@nsa.edu

Text: *Holy Bible, King James Version*, 1611; alt.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #9-11 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** "It Is Well" (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** "A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating."
(Proverbs 18:6)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For salvation for Judah's co-worker Chris Straight, who has shown an openness to the gospel
- Healing for those how have been sick, thinking especially of the Sutphens
- For Caleb Smith's Hashimotos diagnosis. That the symptoms would be easily treatable, and that he would have faith amidst the affliction
- For St. Mark Reformed - the church they rent from is disbanding as a congregation at the end of the year. Pray the Lord allow the building to come to St. Mark.
- Salvation for our unbelieving family members - thinking especially of Ryan Heft's cousin (Connor), and Becky's sister (Laura), brother (Orly) and his wife (Amanda) and daughters (Rose, Evey, and Arya).
- For Caleb Haymes, and his ongoing physical issues.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
- For our own place in God's timing.
- For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies.

- **Brooke Stanifer** - Feb
- **Sandy Huffman** - March
- **Madison Haymes** - March
- **Colby Abrams** - April
- **Joy Tingle** - April
- **Kimberly Hodges** - June
- **Tay Hoeks** - July
- **Paige Llewellyn** - August
- **Addyson Frymoyer** - August
- **Holly Carter** - Sept
- **Pauline Heft** - Sept

*If you become with child and want to be added to the prayer list, please email
naomi@pilgrimhill.church*

Ongoing

- For peace and provision for our church as we look ahead to pastor Brooks' transition to DC
- 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
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- 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

NEW in 2026 - MID-WEEK THURSDAY GATHERINGS

- 6:00-6:40pm Food | 6:45-7:15 Bible Study | 7:15-7:30 Singing
- JANUARY- 8th & 22nd | FEBRUARY 12th/26th | MARCH 12th/26th | APRIL 9th/23rd | MAY 7th

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *Gashmu Saith It*, by Douglas Wilson

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch

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 – pastor@pilgrimhill.church
- Assistant Pastor Clint Lum – pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Shelvy 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:



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