

Pilgrim Hill

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

15 MARCH 2026

PRAYER

THE THRONE
(from *The Valley of Vision*)

O GOD OF MY DELIGHT,

Thy throne of grace is the pleasure ground of my soul.

Here I obtain mercy in time of need,

here see the smile of thy reconciled face,

here joy pleads the name of Jesus,

here I sharpen the sword of the Spirit,

anoint the shield of faith,

put on the helmet of salvation,

gather manna from thy Word,

am strengthened for each conflict,

nerved for the upward race,

empowered to conquer every foe;

Help me to come to Christ

as the fountain head of descending blessings,

as a wide open flood-gate of mercy.

I marvel at my insensate folly,

that with such enriching favours within my reach

I am slow to extend the hand to take them.

Have mercy upon my deadness for thy Name's sake.

Quicken me, stir me, fill me with holy zeal.

Strengthen me that I may cling to thee and not let thee go.

May thy Spirit within me draw all blessings from thy hand.

When I advance not, I backslide.

Let me walk humbly because of good omitted and evil done.

Impress on my mind the shortness of time,

the work to be engaged in,

the account to be rendered,

the nearness of eternity,

the fearful sin of despising thy Spirit.

May I never forget that thy eye always sees,

thy ear always hears,

thy recording hand always writes.

May I never give thee rest until Christ is the pulse of my heart;

the spokesman of my lips,

the lamp of my feet.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” (Genesis 17:7)

- **Sophie Della Stanifer**, daughter of Jacob and Brooke

Congregation Response – “I Bind unto Myself Today,” v. 9 (for music, see #794)

9. I bind unto myself today,
The strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!”
(Psalm 81:1)

*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 8**

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet,

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✠ **Psalm – “From Heaven, O Praise the LORD” (474)**

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Glorious Lord - the One who sits enthroned over all the nations.

To you is owed our complete and joyful submission threefold:

as our Creator, as our King, and as our Redeemer.

Yet, we have transgressed your holy laws.

We have often rejected your authority,

setting ourselves up as king and judge.

Forgive us this wicked treason.

Even now we are tempted to minimize the greatness of our sin.

Like our father Adam, we are masters of justifying and blame shifting.

So, even of this impulse we come confessing and repenting.

We hide nothing.

Father, we have sinned and there is no excuse.

We have lusted and coveted.

We have grumbled often.

We have scrolled endlessly, while neglecting Your Word.

We have refused to love our neighbor,

Including those in our own home.

Holy Spirit, do a thorough search of us now,

That we might arise clean-hearted before our God.

Amen.

Franklin Kyrie

Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Gm Am Dm

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord.

⁹ Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Gm Am Dm

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.

¹⁷ Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Dm C B \flat Gm Am Dm

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.

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

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

✠ Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 4:9-10

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 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

(see next page)

Franklin Sanctus

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.*

† Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27-28

27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

† Hymn – “Be Still, My Soul” (648)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

† Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “The Water that Will Quench the World”

John 7:37-52
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 – “Before the Lord We Bow” (841)

† Psalm – “Psalm 121” (385)

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 – “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” (see next page)

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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

F C F C7 F C F C7 F Gm C F

1. Je - sus! What a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of mysoul—
 2. Je - sus! What a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him.
 3. Je - sus! What a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him; More than all in Him I find.

C F C7 F C F C7 F Gm C F

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness; I am His, and He is mine.

17 Am Dm7 Gm7 C7 F Dm Gm Bb Csus C

Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Friend!

25 F Gm F C F/A Bb F/C C F

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855
 Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

HYFRYDOL
 87. 87. 87. 87.

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 – “Now Unto Jehovah” (89)

✠ 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 134

A Song of Ascents.

3-part canon

¹ Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands in the sanc-tu-ar-y, And bless the LORD.

³ The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi-on!

G G D Em G/D C G/D D G

Music: David R. Erb, 2007 © derb@nsa.edu

Text: *Holy Bible, New King James Version*, 1982 © 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #27-28 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for the safe arrival Mary Huffman!
 - For Sydney VanHowegen's aunt Kerri, who is battling brain cancer. Pray for healing, and that the Lord would use this affliction to bring salvation to her children.
 - For Sydney Boyd's uncle Dan, who is fighting bladder cancer. For healing and peace.
 - For the Haults as they head out on the next leg of their Story. For provision, blessings, and all the best things!
 - For Lesley Allen's grandmother whose cancer diagnosis took a hard turn this week
 - For a full recovery for Sam Groth after his lung surgery
 - Healing for James Anderson's knee after a fall
 - Please pray for Chris Groth's brother's wife Meg. She had finished cancer treatments but it's back and aggressive. They are believers with two sweet kids.
 - Healing for those who have been sick.
 - For Judah's grandma, Janice, who continues to face some physical challenges
 - 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 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.
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- **Madison Haymes** - March
 - **Colby Abrams** - April
 - **Joy Tingle** - April
 - **Emily Wright** - May
 - **Kimberly Hodges** - June
 - **Tay Hoeks** - July
 - **Paige Llewellyn** - August
 - **Addyson Frymoyer** - August
 - **Holly Carter** - August
 - **Jordan Grubbs** - August
 - **Pauline Heft** - Sept
 - **Adalynn Woodard** - Nov

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 Caleb Haymes, and his ongoing physical issues.
- 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
- APRIL 9th/23rd | MAY 7th

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY

- 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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