

Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



REFORMATION SUNDAY

26 OCTOBER 2025

PRAYER

Let no riches ever allow me to forget who I am. Let no poverty ever allow me to forget you.

Let no hope or fear, no pleasure or pain, no external event, no internal weakness
hinder or disrupt my obedience or turn me away from your commandments.

Let your Spirit dwell with me forever, and make my soul just and charitable,
full of honesty, full of religion, resolute and stable in holiness, and inflexible toward evil.

Make me humble and obedient, peaceable and pious.

Let me never envy anyone's good nor rightly deserve to be despised by others.

And if I am so despised, teach me to bear it with meekness and charity.

-Jeremy Taylor (1613–1667)

QUOTES

“The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ,
that some of us, that any of us who really chooses, shall actually survive that examination,
shall find approval, shall please God. To please God...to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness...
to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—
it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.”

(CS Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*)

”And worthy seemed, for in their looks divine
The image of their glorious Maker shone.”

(Milton, *Paradise Lost*)

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!”
(Psalm 150:1–2)

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!

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

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from Isaiah 6)

Eternal God, the one Who exists in unapproachable light, and who is worshipped continually by the angels and the saints departed,

Your holiness reveals that we are a people of unclean lips and dwell amongst people of unclean lips.

We confess that we have sinned even this week, even this day, and are unworthy within ourselves to approach you.

We confess, and do not hide, our sin.

We have made provision for our flesh, and have downplayed the seriousness of our sins.

Make us to know the deadliness of sin, and the beauty of holiness.

We thank you that, as the angel touched Isaiah with a burning coal and made him clean, so you have applied to us the blood of Christ, covering all our sin.

Receive now our heartfelt repentance, as we remember afresh the price of our atonement.

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for 'Franklin Kyrie' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord.' and 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.' The music is composed by Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009.

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

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

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:18

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

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, 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.

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Text: Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, Matthew 21:9

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: #88

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, Sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Hymn – “The Day is Past and Gone” (1055)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:28-30

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

Psalm – “Do Not Be Silent, God, or Unresponding” (255)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “True Glory & Its Counterfeit”

John 5:41-47
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord’s Prayer (see next page)

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The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Fa - ther which art in Heav - en, Hal - low - ed be Thy name. Thy king - dom com

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread

And for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors.

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940); arr. James B. Jordan & Sarah Garner, 2011

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

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 – “Glory Be to God the Father” (547)

Hymn – “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” (535)

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 – “Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted” (see next page)

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

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Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

1. Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less sor - row
 2. Take His eas - y yoke and wear it; Love will make o - bed - ience
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly o - pened

down; By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, Through the cross, be - hold the
 sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His wis - dom guides your
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him a - lone re -
 eyes, Or full springs in des - erts drear - y Is the rest the cross sup -

crown; Look to Je - sus, Mer - cy flows from Him a - lone.
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
 joice; His com - mand - ments Then be - come their hap - py choice.
 plies; All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2004 © wilburmusic.com
 Text: Joseph Swain, 1792

[Come, ye souls]
 8 7. 8 7. 4 7.

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 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (678)

Charge

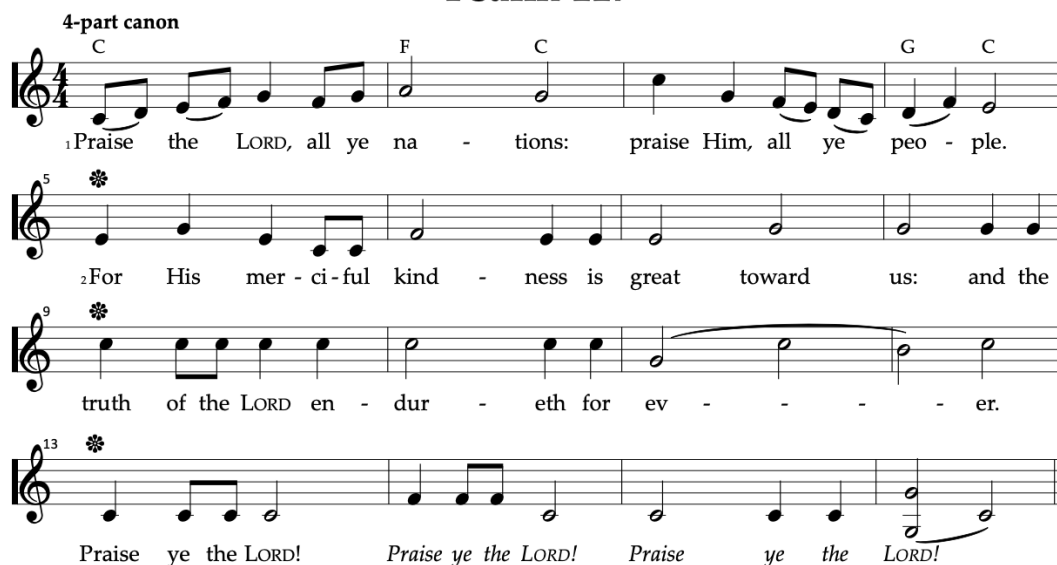
Benediction (Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #88 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.” (Proverbs 25:2)
- **Prayer:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Healing for Tommy's hip and favor over his surgery on 11/12
- For Lucy Manning, one of Anna's roommates at Union. She's had stage 4 lymphoma
- For Sydney VanHofwegen's sister and her estrangement from the family. That the Lord would heal the divide.
- Praise of thanks for the rich fellowship this week with the woman and Mrs. Wilson, and the men on the camping trip.
- For our college students, Taylor Frost and Anna Smith.
- For Zach's brother whose back is broken in two places from scoliosis. For great wisdom for the doctors in treating him, and for God's comfort amidst this affliction.
- For a new job for Coleman Philips
- For Caleb Haymes, that the kidney transplant would take remarkably well.
- For favor over Charlton's and Gabe Rensch's "Business Makers" endeavor, especially as they pursue investors
- 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. Thinking especially of Joy Tingle, who has experienced complications.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly
- For our own place in God's timing

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 launched in July
- 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 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

REFORMATION CELEBRATION! - November 2nd

- At the Brookshire, from 3-7pm
- Song, food, games, and festivities aplenty!

NEW MEMBERS' INQUIRY CLASS - November 12th

- At the Brookshire, from 6-8pm
- Dinner and a time of teaching on the history and distinctive of Pilgrim Hill
- RSVP by emailing Pastor Brooks - pastor@pilgrimhill.church

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *The Holiness of God*, by R.C. Sproul

- 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**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

- Beginning August 13th
- From 7-7:30pm

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – pastor@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:



Sermon Notes

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.