

# Pilgrim Hill

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

11 MAY 2025

## **PRAYER**

### **“Great is Your Patience, Lord”**

(Augustine of Hippo)

Great is your patience, Lord, full of compassion and grace.  
You are slow to anger and abundant in mercy. You are true!  
You make the sun rise on both good and evil, and send rain on the just and unjust.  
Your desire is not for the death of sinners, but that they return and live.  
You make room for repentance, that they would abandon sin and believe in you.  
Your patience leads to repentance, though many still store up wrath for themselves  
through hardness of heart. Then your righteous judgment is revealed  
and you will deal with us all according to what we have done (Romans 2:4–6).  
But you forget all our iniquities when we turn from sin to your mercy and truth.  
Grant that many more may be liberated through the sacrifice  
of a broken spirit and a contrite and humbled heart, in the sorrow of repentance.  
For nothing matters except your surpassing mercy and power,  
the truth of your baptism, and the keys of the kingdom of heaven in your church.  
We will not give up on anyone as long as, by your patience, they still live on this earth.

## **QUOTES**

“[‘You shall see’ relates] not to a future beyond the death of Jesus,  
but to the entire gamut of the action of the Son of Man for the Kingdom of God:  
from the heaven that became open at his baptism, the blessings of the saving sovereignty  
will be poured out through him in the signs he performs, the revelation of his word, the life that he lives,  
the death and resurrection that he accomplishes... till the goal is attained  
when the Son of Man welcomes the redeemed to the Father's house.”  
(George Beasley-Murray)

## PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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- **The Fords:** Matt, Alli, Matthias, Valor, Ezra, Shepherd, and Abraham
- **The Powells:** Charley and Sage

### PREPARATION

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#### **For Preparation**

“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you;  
I will praise your name.”  
(Isaiah 25:1)

#### **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

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#### **The Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**  
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#### **Psalm 34:1-9**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together!**  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
**and their faces shall never be ashamed.**  
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
**and saved him out of all his troubles.**  
The angel of the Lord encamps  
**around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,

**for those who fear him have no lack!**

## Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (510)

### WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

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#### Corporate Prayer of Confession (Anselm)

O Almighty and merciful Father,  
you pour your benefits upon us—

**forgive the unthankfulness with which we have repaid your goodness.**

**We have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts,  
unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness.**

**Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned.**

**Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you,  
and with all our longing to desire you.**

**Amen.**

#### Franklin Agnus Dei

The musical score for "Franklin Agnus Dei" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 score includes various chords such as Dm, Am/D, Bb/D, C/D, D5, Am, Bb, C, and Gm. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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 Timothy 1:15

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”

### 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

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### 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 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: #37-38

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

## Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (972)

### Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Acts 20:17–35

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

Second Reading: John 10:22–33

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

## Psalm – “To All My Brothers I’ll Declare” (72)

### Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

## Sermon – “No Deceit and the Descent of Heaven”

**John 1:43-51**  
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

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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 – “He’s Risen, He’s Risen Christ Jesus the Lord” (989)**

**Hymn – “Fairest Lord Jesus” (555)**

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

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### **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 – “In Christ Alone” (see next page)**

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

# In Christ Alone

Capo 3: G D G A D/F# G A D

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe.  
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.

G D G A D/F# G A D

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.  
 From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

G D/F# Asus A D G Bm Asus A

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied,  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
 No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

<sup>12</sup> G D G A D/F# G A D

My Com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.  
 Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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 Text: Stuart Townend, 1995 © 1995, Thankyou Music [admin. Capitol CMG Publishing]

[In Christ alone]  
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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

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## Commissioning Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress is our God” (679)

### Exhortation

### 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–

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

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

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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## For Family Worship

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### Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #37-38 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “In Christ Alone” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Proverb of the Week:** “A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a wife’s quarreling is a continual dripping of rain.” (Proverbs 19:13)
- **Prayer:** “Great is Your Patience, Lord” (see liturgy, pg. 1)

## Prayer Requests

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### ***Current***

- Praise for the safe arrival of baby Thatcher Haun, and health for all the pregnant mothers.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly.
- For Matt Ford's recovery from his ankle injury.
- For Cathryn McIntyre, a dear friend of the Hays' family who has stage four cancer. Prayers for healing and comfort amidst this affliction.
- 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.
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- 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.
- 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

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### **MAY**

#### **29th - Festal Shout!**

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

### **JUNE**

#### **1st - Evening Ordination Service**

- 4pm at the church

### **OTHER**

#### **PARISH GROUPS**

- **The 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Contact group for specifics.**
- 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
- Groups
  - **Goodlettsville - the Potteigers**
  - **Ridgetop - the Lums**
  - **Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville - the Tawls/Coppers**
  - **North - hosted by the Pitts**
- \*days subject to change for some groups

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL – A study through Ecclesiastes**

- Sundays, at 9am (except the 1st Sunday of the Month)
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

### **SUMMER TEENAGE GIRLS' FELLOWSHIP**

- Sundays, from 4-7pm, beginning May 18th
- 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
- Beginning Tuesday, May 13th

### **MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY**

- *Holiness* by JC Ryle
- 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](mailto:daylily1980@comcast.net)**

### **Officers:**

The Session:

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

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelyv Huffman

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



**Volunteer to help with  
Fellowship Meals:**



**Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:**



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