

Pilgrim Hill

REFORMED FELLOWSHIP



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

22 FEBRUARY 2026

PRAYER

RESTING ON GOD
(from *The Valley of Vision*)

O GOD MOST HIGH, MOST GLORIOUS,

The thought of thine infinite serenity cheers me,
For I am toiling and moiling, troubled and distressed,
 but thou art for ever at perfect peace.
Thy designs cause thee no fear or care of unfulfilment,
 they stand fast as the eternal hills.
Thy power knows no bond,
 thy goodness no stint.
Thou bringest order out of confusion,
 and my defeats are thy victories:
The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
I come to thee as a sinner with cares and sorrows,
 to leave every concern entirely to thee,
 every sin calling for Christ's precious blood;
Revive deep spirituality in my heart;
Let me live near to the great Shepherd,
 hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls.
Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in the truth,
 from harm by helping me to walk in the power of the Spirit.
Give me intenser faith in the eternal verities,
 burning into me by experience the things I know;
Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel,
 that I may bear its reproach,
 vindicate it,
 see Jesus as its essence,
 know in it the power of the Spirit.
Lord, help me, for I am often lukewarm and chill;
 unbelief mars my confidence,
 sin makes me forget thee.
Let the weeds that grow in my soul be cut at their roots;
Grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to thee,
 that all else is trifling.
Thy presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy.
Abide in me, gracious God.

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)

- **Ivy Lennox Allen**
- **Jettson Robert Frymoyer**
- **Clementine Ruth Lubben**

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!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

“...all who believed were together and had all things in common.” (Acts 2:44)

- **The Allens:** Jacob, Lesley, Killian, Jameson, Jack and Ivy Lennox.
- **The Frymoyers:** Cody, Addy, and Jettson
- **The Llewelyns:** Kadin, Paige, Ellie & Livie
- **The Lubbens:** Isaac, Gabbi, & Clementine
- **The Wilburs:** Joe, Claire, Scarlett, & Bear

PREPARATION

For Preparation

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

*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 Joel 2

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,

“return to me with all your heart,

Return to the Lord your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

and he relents over disaster.

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;

assemble the elders;

gather the children,

even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,

and the bride her chamber.

“Be glad, O children of Zion,

and rejoice in the Lord your God,

And it shall come to pass

**that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.**

✠ Hymn – “Come, Thou Almighty King” (536)

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.**

Not What My Hands Have Done

573

Capo 1: Bm A Bm G A Bm

2. Thy voice a - lone, O Lord, Can speak to me of grace;
3. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;

Thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, Can all my sin e - raise.
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.

No oth - er work but Thine, No oth - er blood will do;
Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,

No strength but that which is di - vine Can bear me safe - ly through.
Can rid me of this dark un - rest, And set my spir - it free.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord diagrams are provided above the treble staff for each system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system includes two verses of lyrics. The third system includes two verses of lyrics. The fourth system includes two verses of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

✠ **Assurance of Pardon** – 1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”

† 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

The musical score for "Franklin Sanctus" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly,

2. God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
 Ho -

3. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who
 san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He

4. 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

5. 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, Questions 20-22

From Part 2: Our Deliverance

20. Q. Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his Benefits.

21. Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

22. Q. What, then, must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

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

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:1-11
*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

✠ Hymn– “Glory Be to God the Father” (547)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

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

Sermon – “A War of Words”

Psalm 12
Pastor Joe Thacker

Psalms 10-14 as a Literary Unit:

Psalm 10: The Wicked Says in His Heart: There Is No God

Psalm 11: A Question of How?

Psalm 12: The Rise of Yahweh

Psalm 13: Questions of How Long?

Psalm 14: The Fool Says in His Heart: There Is No God

Chiastic Structure of Psalm 12 (Hamilton):

The Vanishing Faithful, v. 1

The Empty Words of the Wicked, vv. 2-4

Yahweh Promises to Vindicate the Poor and Needy, v. 5

The Pure Words of the Lord, vv. 6-7

The Strutting Wicked, v. 8

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 – “How Firm a Foundation” (645)

✦ Psalm – “Blest the Man That Feareth Jehovah” (410)

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”

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

717 **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.

Chords: C, G, C, Am, D, G, C, F, Dm, G, C, G, C, F, C, F, C

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

✠ Charge

✠ **Benediction** (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

✠ **Closing Doxology** –with uplifted hands–

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Heidelberg Catechism:** #20-22 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “It Is Well” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)
- **Prayer/Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Praise for a good report on the Carters’ pregnancy.
- Healing for James Anderson’s knee after a fall.
- Vocational favor for Sam VanHofwegen after a series of interviews.
- 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 salvation for Judah’s co-worker Chris Straight, who has shown an openness to the gospel.
- For Judah’s grandma, Janice, who continues to face some physical challenges.
- 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
 - **Emily Wright** - May
 - **Kimberly Hodges** - June
 - **Tay Hoeks** - July
 - **Paige Llewellyn** - August
 - **Addyson Frymoyer** - August
 - **Holly Carter** - August
 - **Jordan Grubbs** - August
 - **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

- 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:

**Sermon Notes**
