

PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christ-centered. Gospel-shaped. Together for Good.

January 12, 2025

The Second Lord's Day of 2025

MORNING SERVICE 10:15–11:45 AM

“Stay Awake for the Return of the King”

Sermon Text	Mark 13:24-37
Preacher	Rev. James Bryner Chu

EVENING SERVICE 5:00–6:00 PM

“Mercy Unmutes Unbelief”

Sermon Text	Luke 1:57-66
Preacher	Bro. Johann Xie

i. Opening With Praise

PRELUDE

The Lord is in his holy temple
The Lord is in his holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before him
Keep silence, keep silence before him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-18

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.

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Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

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They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth

(Psalm 8A Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
how excellent Thy name!

Thy glory Thou hast spread afar
in all the starry frame.

From lips of children, Thou, O LORD
hast mighty strength ordained,
that adversaries should be stilled
and vengeful foes restrained.

When I regard the wondrous heav'ns,
Thy handiwork on high,
the moon and stars ordained by Thee,

“O what is man?” I cry.

O what is man, in Thy regard
to hold so large a place,
and what the son of man, that Thou
dost visit him in grace.

On man Thy wisdom hath bestowed
a pow’r well nigh divine;
with honor Thou hast crowned his head
with glory like to Thine.

Thou hast subjected all to him,
and lord of all is he,
of flocks and herds, and beasts and birds,
and all within the sea.

Thy mighty works and wondrous grace
Thy glory, LORD, proclaim,
O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
How excellent Thy Name.

ii. Confessing Our Sins

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

THE DECALOGUE

You shall not have more gods than me
Before no image bow the knee
Take not the name of God in vain
Nor dare the Sabbath to profane
Give both your parents honor due
Take heed that you no murder do
Abstain from words and deeds unclean
Nor steal though you are poor and mean
Nor make a willful lie nor love it
What is your neighbor's do not covet

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

iii. Giving Thanks for God's Mercies

OFFERTORY

Bank Account	BPI Checking Account
Account Name	PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.
Account Number	4441-0047-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Sunday Activities

Sunday School	9:00AM
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Afternoon Activities

Lord's Day	Activities	Time
1 st & 3 rd	Men's and Women's Group	2:00PM
2 nd	Prayer Gathering	3:00PM
4 th	Read-Through & Discussion	2:00PM
1 st , 3 rd & 4 th	Afternoon Prayer	4:45PM

Coram Deo Group (CDG) Schedules

Day	Venue	Time	Contact
Mon	Teens (Online)	5:30PM	Gerard
Tue	Xavierville	6:00PM	James
Wed	BGC	6:30PM	Justine
Thur	Eastwood, QC New Manila (Resuming October)	7:00PM	Joshua / Aia
		8:00PM	James
Fri	South	6:30PM	David / Reggie
	Academy (Online)	7:00PM	Gerard
Sat	Detroit	4:00PM	Jed

Monthly South Service

Lord's Day	Venue	Time	Contact
1 st & 3 rd	Toyota Bicutan	3:21PM	David / Reggie

Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Classes

Day	Venue	Time	Contact
Fri	Center	[Catechism] 5:30PM	Alex
		[Kids] 6:00PM	
		[Adults] 7:00PM	

Pilgrim Choristers

2 nd Lord's Day	Center	6:30PM	Joi/Charlet
4 th Lord's Day	Center	6:30PM	
1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Saturdays	Center	6:00PM	

PASTORAL PRAYER

iv. Hearing the Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Stay Awake for the Return of the King

Rev. James Bryner Chu

1. The King will return with great power and glory
[Awesome] vv. 24-27
2. His word is sure: he is near, at the very gates
[Almost] vv. 28-31
3. The time of his return is unknowable; the time to know Jesus is now **[Awake] vv. 32-36**

v. Giving Thanks for God's Grace

PRAYERS DURING COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

A PRAYER FOR PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life You promise. Amen.

A PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, enable me to see in You the fulfillment of all my true needs, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to see that Your Gospel is bigger than my sin, and that Your work breaks the power of sin as well as freeing me from its penalty. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and author of my faith. Amen.

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in Your church. Grant that I

may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR COVENANT CHILDREN WHO
HAVE NOT YET MADE A PROFESSION OF FAITH

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who You are and what You have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in You alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow You as one of your disciples. Amen.

NOTE: The communion cups contain wine. If you are pregnant or unable to consume wine, kindly inform any of our deacons so we can provide you with non-alcoholic grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view His pierced hands;

Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board
When, at His table, sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not Him;
Oh, may His love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!

Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Thy present smile Thy grace imparts!
Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint Thy glory see!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive

us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

vi. Confessing Our Faith

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Part 1

Whosoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the catholic Faith. For unless a person keeps this faith whole and entire, he will undoubtedly be lost forever. This is what the catholic Faith teaches: we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. AMEN.

*vii. Closing with Praise***CLOSING SONG****Jesus where'er your people meet
(Hymn 176 Trinity Psalter Hymnal)**

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,
There they behold Thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
With grace and mercy to abound.

For Thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
And going, take Thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of Thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim
The sweetness of Thy saving Name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;

To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring Thy light before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;
Oh, rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make our waiting hearts Thine own.

Command Thy blessing in this hour;
And as the Spirit full of pow'r
With life and vision fill this place,
That all Thy purpose we may trace.

O Thou, our Head, our Life, our Guide,
May nought in life or death divide
The saints in Thy communion blessed,
That all Thy fulness be expressed.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Psalm 117

All nations, praise the LORD! all peoples in accord
his glory raise!

Strong is his love for us, and the Lord's faithfulness
stands firm from age to age!

O praise the LORD! Amen.

EVENING SERVICE

i. Opening with Praise

PRELUDE

The Lord is in his holy temple
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.

The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

“I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed
festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.

At that time I will deal
with all who oppressed you.
I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honor
in every land where they have suffered shame.

At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.

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I will give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,”
says the Lord.

OPENING SONG

What blessedness belongs to him (Psalm 32A Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

What blessedness belongs to him
who truly is forgiv'n,
for whom transgressions have been cleared,
and covered is his sin.

How blessed is the one the LORD
accuses not of sin,
the man without deceit and guile,
whose heart is pure within.

I languished, silent in my guilt;
my days were filled with groans.
Your hand on me pressed day and night,
and heat dried up my bones.
My trespasses to you I owned,

hid not my wickedness;
I said, “I will before the LORD
transgressions now confess.”

You pardoned my iniquity
and took my guilt away;
and therefore while you may be found,
let godly people pray.
The gush of torrents will not harm;
you hide me, give me peace.
You keep me safe, surrounding me
with songs of my release.

Instruction I will give to you,
and teach the way to go.
My watchful eye will guide your steps;
my counsel you will know.
Be not like senseless mule or horse,
which cannot understand,
with bit and bridle must be curbed
to follow your command.

The sorrows of the wicked man
in number shall abound,
but those who trust in God the LORD,

his mercy will surround.

Be glad, you righteous, shout for joy,
and give the LORD your praise!

With upright hearts, O saints of God,
your joyful songs upraise!

ii. Confessing our Sins

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform
ourselves; though you should rule us, we control
ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console
ourselves.

We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

iii. Giving Thanks for God's Mercies

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

iv. Hearing the Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:57-66

SERMON

Mercy Unmutes Unbelief

Bro. Johann Xie

1. Rejoice in God's Mercy [**vv. 57,58**]
2. Reverence to God's Mercy [**vv. 59-66**]

v. Giving Thanks for God's Grace

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

vi. Confessing Our Faith

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

vii. Closing With Praise

CLOSING SONG

Oh God, to us show mercy (Psalm 67A Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

O God, to us show mercy
and bless us in Your grace;
cause now to shine upon us
the brightness of Your face;
that so Your way most holy
on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people
Your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise You,
let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises
and songs of gladness ring;

for You shall judge the people
in truth and righteousness,
and through the earth the nations
shall Your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise You,
let all the nations sing,
for earth in rich abundance
to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us,
our God shall blessing send,
and all the earth shall fear Him
to its remotest end.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Now blessed be the LORD our God, the God of
Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works, in glory that
excel
And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity:
The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.



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THE PILGRIM VISION

We exist to cultivate Christ-centered communities where the Gospel shapes lives and missions together for the good of the city, the nation, and the world.

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