## **PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

## March 2, 2025

The Ninth Lord's Day of 2025

MORNING SERVICE 10:15-11:45 AM

"A Condemnation in Search of Evidence"

Sermon Text	Mark 14:53–65
Preacher	Rev. James Bryner Chu

#### EVENING SERVICE 5:00-6:00 PM

## "Bound by Love and Mercy: Strategies for Contending for the Faith"

Sermon Text	Jude 20-24
Preacher	Elder Moises Acayan

SOUTH SERVICE 3:21-5:00 PM

#### "Knowing God Perfects Faith and Love"

Sermon Text	Ephesians 1:15–19	
Preacher	Bro. Kim Adrian Pancobilla	

# *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 22:28, 30, 31

Kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Come, proclaim his righteousness to the coming generation,

to a people yet unborn.

#### WELCOME

#### **OPENING SONG** My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Psalm 22A:1-3, 6, 10-11)

My God, my God, O why have you forsaken me? O why are you so far from saving me and from my groaning cry? By day and night, my God, I call; your answer still delays, and yet you are the Holy One who dwells in Israel's praise.

Our fathers put their trust in you; from you salvation came. They begged you and you set them free; they were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a worm and not a man at all. To men I am despised and base; their scorning on me fall.

All those who look at me will laugh and cast reproach at me. Their mouths they open wide they wag their heads in mockery: "This man has trusted in the LORD; let God redemption send. Now let his God deliver him, for he delights in him."

For see how dogs encircle me! On every side there stands a brotherhood of cruelty; they pierce my feet and hands. My bones are plain for me to count; men see me and they stare. My clothes among them they divide, and gamble for their share.

All ends of earth will turn to him, remembering the LORD,

all fam'lies of the earth shall come and worship and adore.

Dominion to the Lord belongs; he rules the nations well.

The proud of all the earth will bow before him where he dwells.

All those whose souls descend to dust will fall before his throne;

they cannot keep themselves alive, they rest on him alone.

A seed shall serve him; future sons will hear about the LORD.

His righteousness they will declare to people yet unborn.

Tune: KINGSFOLD

# ii. Confessing Our Sins

#### SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 45:22-23

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

## 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**

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 51

## **GOSPEL ASSURANCE**

## *iii. Giving Thanks for God's Mercies*

#### OFFERTORY

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Sunday Activities

Sunday School

9:00 AM

#### **Lord's Day Activities**

Week	Activity	Time
1 <sup>st &amp;</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's and Women's Group	2:00 PM
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4 <sup>th</sup>	Read-Through & Discussion	2:00 PM
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#### **Monthly South Service**

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1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Toyota Bicutan	3:21 PM	David / Reggie

#### **Coram Deo Group (CDG) Schedules**

Day	Venue	Time	Contact
Mon	Teens (Online)	5:30 PM	Byron
WOIT	One Ayala Makati	6:00 PM	Ross
Tue	SM Aura	12:00 NN	Reimon
Tue	Xavierville	6:00 PM	James
Wed	BGC	7:00 PM	Justine
Thurs	Eastwood, QC	7:00 PM	Aia
Fri	Academy (Online)	7:00 PM	Gerard
	South	7:30 PM	Reggie
Sat	Pilgrim Center	3:00 PM	Jed
Jai	SM Marikina	3:00 PM	Glenn / Gio

#### **Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Classes**

Day	Venue	Time	Contact
Sat	Center	3:00 PM	Alex

#### **Pilgrim Choristers**

Week	Venue	Time	Contact
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pilgrim Center	6:30 PM	Joi / Charlet

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## iv. Hearing the Word

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:53-65

## SERMON

A Condemnation in Search of Evidence Rev. James Bryner Chu

I. In the seat of justice, even there was wickedness [Wanton]

- II. Loving falsehood and hating the Truth [Wicked]
- III. Beware of rejecting the king of glory [Warning]

# v. Giving Thanks for God's Grace

#### COMMUNION HYMN Behold the Lamb

 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us, and we remember: The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this Bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Torn for you. Eat and remember;
The wounds that heal,
The death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,

Shed for you, drink and remember, He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.

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## 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 ATHANASIAN CREED

#### Part 4

This is the true Christian faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man. He is God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and he is Man, of the substance of his mother, born in the world. He is perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting; equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood. Although he is God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God; One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. AMEN.

## vii. Closing with Praise

#### **CLOSING SONG** Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; By his Son God now has spoken: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, Was there ever grief like his? Friends through fear his cause disowning, Foes insulting his distress; Many hands were raised to wound him, None would interpose to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load; 'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded Who on him their hope have built.

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

#### 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**

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### Psalm 136:3-4; Isaiah 63:7

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

#### **OPENING SONG** Bless the LORD, My Soul (Psalm 103A)

Bless the LORD, my soul, and all within me bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul. Forget not all his blessings to proclaim. He forgives your great transgressions, heals your sicknesses and pains. He redeems you from destruction, crowns you with his tender grace.

He with boundless good supplies you; he your longing satisfies, then, like eagle's strength renewing, God with good your youth revives. For the LORD will act with justice, righteousness for those bowed down. He made known his ways to Moses, his great deeds to Israel's sons.

God the LORD is full of mercy, slow to anger, full of grace. He will not be always chiding, nor in anger hide his face. He deals not by our demerits, nor repays what sins deserve. Great his love to those who fear him, high as heav'n above the earth.

Far as east from west is distant, he from sin has set us free. As a father loves his children, feeling pity for their need, so the LORD in great compassion comforts those who fear his name. He remembers we are dust, and he knows well our feeble frame.

Man is like the flow'r that blossoms, all his days like tender grass here today and gone tomorrow, from the scorching winds that pass. Age to age the LORD shows mercy; children's children he will bless. Those who keep his law and cov'nant, he will show his righteousness. God has set his throne in heaven; his great kingdom rules o'er all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, mighty ones who do his will! Bless the LORD, you hosts of heaven, servants who perform his word! Bless the LORD, his whole dominion. Come my soul and bless the LORD!

Tune: BEECHER

## ii. Confessing our Sins

## SCRIPTURE READING

'The most important commandment of all is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

## **GOSPEL ASSURANCE**

*iii. Giving Thanks for God's Mercies* 

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

iv. Hearing the Word

#### SCRIPTURE READING Jude 20-24

## SERMON

#### Bound by Love and Mercy: Strategies for Contending for the Faith Elder Moises Acayan

- I. Keep yourselves in the love of God (Guard)
- II. Love those who fell into sin (Concern)

III. Entrust yourselves in the mighty hand of God (Doxology/Praise)

## 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

## Nicene Creed (325 AD and 381 AD)

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 onlybegotten 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** Preserve me, O God (Psalm 16B)

 Preserve me, O God, for I'm trusting in you.
 "Yes, you are my master," I said to the LORD; besides you I do not possess any good.
 In your holy messengers I take delight.

 Those running to idols will multiply griefs.
 I will not pour out their drink off'rings of blood, nor will I confess their vain names with my lips.
 The LORD's my inherited portion and cup.
 You care for my lot,where the lines fell to me, my pleasant and lovely inherited land. The LORD who gives counsel to me I will bless, for surely my mind teaches me through the night.

4. The LORD ever present before me I keep.He stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved.My glory rejoices, my heart is made glad;and also my flesh will live safely at ease.

5. For you'll not abandon my soul to the grave, your godly One you will preserve from decay.Life's path you will show me; full joy is with you; your right hand holds pleasures for me evermore.

TUNE: STERLING

## 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.

## SOUTH SERVICE

# *i. Opening With Praise* **PRELUDE**

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 111

[1] Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

[2] Great are the works of the LORD,

studied by all who delight in them.

[3] Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

[4] He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

- [5] He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- [6] He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- [7] The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

[8] they are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

[9] He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

[10] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **OPENING SONG** TPH #9B. Wholehearted Thanksgiving

[1] Wholehearted thanksgiving to thee I will bring,in praise of thy marvelous deeds I will sing;in thee I will joy and exultingly cry,thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to Jehovah, declare ye his fame, and give him all honor, for just is his name.

[2] Thou Lord, art a refuge for all the oppressed;all trust thee who know thee, and trusting are blest;for never, O Lord, did thy mercy forsakethe soul that has sought of thy grace to partake.[Refrain]

[3] Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell of him who has chosen in Zion to dwell, of him to whom justice and vengeance belong, who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong. [Refrain]

[4] Behold my affliction, thy mercy accord, and back from death's portals restore me, O Lord, that I in the gates of thy Zion may raise my song of salvation and show forth thy praise.[Refrain]

# ii. Confessing Our Sins

#### SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:6–9

[6] "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

[7] let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

[9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

#### **RECITATION OF THE LAW**

'The most important commandment of all is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' (Mark 12:29b-31)

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Minister: Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

All: Have mercy and forgive us.

M: You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

A: Have mercy and change us.

M: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

A: Have mercy and cleanse us.

M: When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

A: Have mercy and deliver us.

M: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

A: Have mercy and renew us.

M: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word, enable us to follow you with joy.

A: All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

## **GOSPEL ASSURANCE**

## iii. Giving Thanks for God's Mercies

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	SM Marikina	3:00 PM	Glenn / Gio

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#### **Pilgrim Choristers**

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#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

# iv. Hearing the Word

#### SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-19

## SERMON

*Knowing God Perfects Faith and Love* Bro. Kim Adrian Pancobilla

- I. Praise for God's work that produced faith and love in us vv. 15-16a [Produced]
- II. Prayer for God's work of giving us personal knowledge of him vv. 16b-19 [Perfecting]

# v. Giving Thanks for God's Grace

#### SONG OF RESPONSE TPH #498. I Will Sing of My Redeemer

[1] I will sing of my Redeemerand his wondrous love to me:on the cruel cross he suffered,from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

[2] I will tell the wondrous story,how my lost estate to save,in his boundless love and mercyhe the ransom freely gave. [Refrain]

[3] I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell, how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. [Refrain]

[4] I will sing of my Redeemerand his heav'nly love to me;he from death to life has brought me,Son of God, with him to be. [Refrain]

## 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

#### APOSTLES' CREED (2nd Century AD)

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I 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.

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## vii. Closing with Praise

#### **CLOSING SONG** TPH 420. Christ for the World We Sing

[1] Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal:
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

[2] Christ for the world we sing;the world to Christ we bringwith fervent pray'r:the wayward and the lost,by restless passions tossed,redeemed at countless cost

from dark despair.

[3] Christ for the world we sing;the world to Christ we bringwith one accord:with us the work to share,with us reproach to dare,with us the cross to bear,for Christ our Lord.

[4] Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song:
the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

#### 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.

#### 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 ABOUT COMMUNION WINE:

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.



# PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like learn more about Pilgrim Community Church, please feel free to contact us at <u>m.me/pilgrimcommunitychurch</u>

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