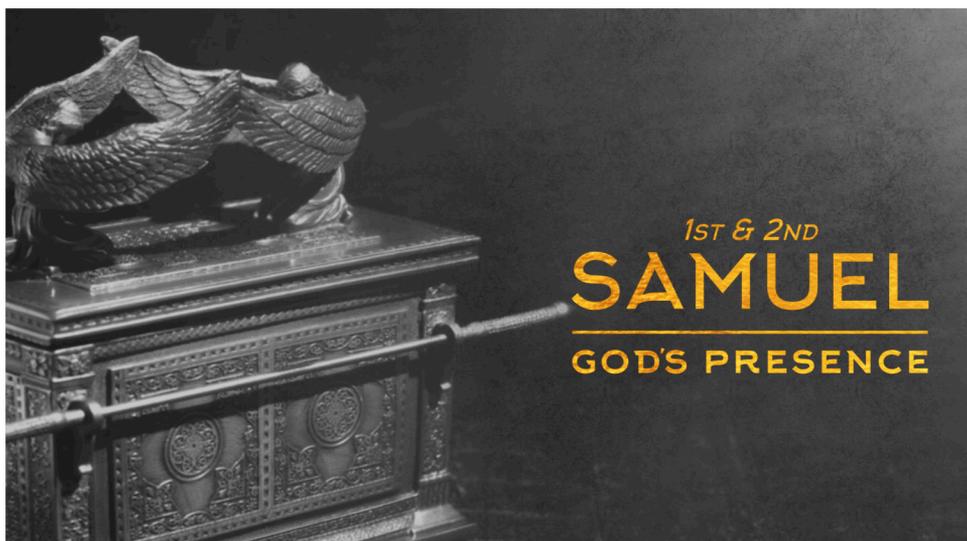




REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



October 29, 2023 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

Call to Worship: Psalm 96

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Reading of the Law: John 15:12-17

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

The King of Love

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 4:27-5:2

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

...Give no opportunity to the devil... And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

...Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

He Calls Me Friend
Thank You Jesus

Confession of Faith: First Catechism Q73-75

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

Q73: Why do you need Christ as your prophet?

A: Because I am ignorant by nature.

Q74: Why do you need Christ as your priest?

A: Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.

Q75: Why do you need Christ as your king?

A: Because I am weak and helpless.

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 Samuel 18:1-9; 20:16-17, 42; 23:16-17

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Nothing But the Blood

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6 As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands." 8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.

Pg. 241 (1 Samuel 18:1-9 ESV)

16 And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD take vengeance on David's enemies." 17 And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul... 42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.'" And he rose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

Pg. 243 (1 Samuel 20:16-17, 42; 23:16-17 ESV)

Resources

Justin Whitmel Earley, *Made for People*

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Essays on Friendship*

C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Eugene Peterson, *Leap Over the Wall*

Discussion Questions

1. Prayerfully reflect on your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc. How did you "come" into worship today?
2. Where did the gospel "dwell in you richly" in the service today? In the prayers? In the singing? In the sermon?
3. Specifically, how were you led to turn from sin and trust in Jesus?
4. What is the one thing from the sermon this morning that you would most want to pass on to someone else?

Sermon Series: I & II Samuel: God's Presence

Sermon Title: The Kingmaker

Date: October 29, 2023

Intro: *Who are your people?*

I. MISSION

"The very condition of having friends is that we should want something else beside friends... Friendship must be about something." - C.S. Lewis

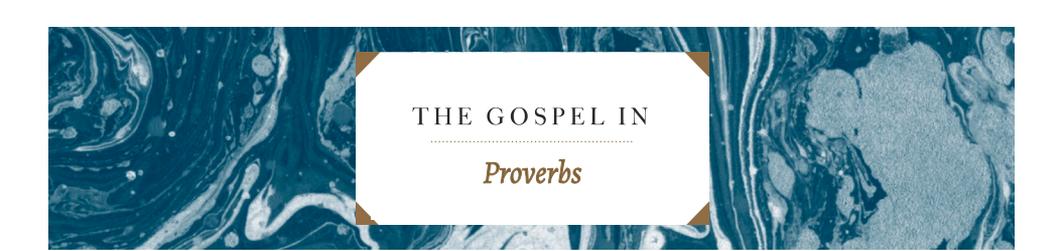
II. COVENANT

"Friendship is vulnerability across time." - Justin Earley

III. PROPHECY

"We didn't come forth from chaos. We did not come forth from loneliness. We came forth from friendship." - Justin Earley

Takeaway: *If you want friends, be a friend!*



THE GOSPEL IN

Proverbs

The book of Proverbs is one of the “many ways” God spoke, leading us to his only Son Jesus. What stands out about the book of Proverbs is its gracious offer of divine wisdom for foolish and weak people.

The book of Proverbs is an outpouring of grace from God. Again and again, the author appeals to the reader as his dear “son”. This book breathes with the Spirit of adoption. We may therefore study Proverbs not to earn a sonship still out of reach but to bear witness to a sonship already given.

The rest of the Bible makes clear that Jesus is the one who perfectly embodies this unique wisdom. According to the Old Testament, the Messiah would be anointed with “the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord”. According to the New Testament, Jesus is God’s gift of wisdom to sinners. Solomon was a genius, but Jesus was greater than Solomon. He amazed people with his wisdom. To this day, he counsels his church through his Word. The wisdom of Jesus can be hard to accept, since it led not to popularity but to a cross. But if we will humbly receive the divine wisdom hidden in Christ, the book of Proverbs will open up as a powerful word from our Wonderful Counselor.

Through the book of Proverbs God our Father guides his children into practical sanctification. But the book offers far more than handy tips. Proverbs provides profound wisdom given by God for our complex decisions. Thus, its wisdom is a provision of grace, enabling us to navigate the problems and perils of life with a fatherly guidance we have not earned nor can provide by our own devices. Because this wisdom is “from above”, we will have to rethink our lives with humble reverence before God. We will even have to “call out for insight,” seeking it like silver and searching for it as for hidden treasures. But we have the privilege of asking a willing God who delights to provide what we need, helping us to understand that the sanctification taught in this book is a gift of God that will ultimately be understood as having been won for us already by Jesus . Through his Spirit, Jesus shares it freely with the undeserving. Thus, we can pursue his wisdom with every expectation of gaining it as our own.

The way to read the book of Proverbs is to slow down and prayerfully think it through, one proverb at a time. Consider what each instruction reveals of God’s nature by what he values and instructs. Then consider what each proverb reveals about human frailty and need by the instruction we require. Such careful reflection will reveal much about the grace humanity requires, which God will ultimately provide in Christ. Reading this unusual book is more like savoring a piece of hard candy than gulping down a mouthful of fast food. But to those who accept the way God has chosen to speak here, he makes this priceless promise: “Wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul”.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Proverbs" written by Ray Ortlund

Announcements

Renew Polk Worship: Renew Polk will be hosting a combined worship gathering **TONIGHT at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 5pm**. This evening is an opportunity to hear updates on how God is moving in and through church plants here in Polk County while also praying for the gospel to continue to bear fruit in our area. The guest speaker will be Mission to North America coordinator Irwyn Ince. We hope to see you there!

Men's Hangout: Join the men of Redeemer for a fall Saturday evening at Charlie Reynolds' **(2045 W. Lake Hamilton Dr) THIS Saturday, November 4, from 5-8pm**. We'll have drinks and some eats but bring your favorite BBQ dish (optional) for a competition. Winner gets to judge next year. We'll have a bonfire and the college football games on TV. Invite your friends.

Person of Jesus: Join us for POJ on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm (thru Nov 15)** childcare provided. This is a time to slow down and look at the way Jesus loved. Seeing the pattern - and power - that he has given us to love in the same way.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, registration is now open our upcoming Women's Retreat **February 23-25, 2024**. Please visit: redeemerwh.org/retreat to register. Join us as we "Behold our extraordinary God amidst everyday ordinary life."

Men's Groups: Men, there are two opportunities for you to plug in: **Tuesday mornings from 7-8am in the Fellowship Hall** to read the daily Community Bible Reading. And on **Tuesday afternoons from 4-6 pm we'll meet at Grove Roots** for casual drop-in fellowship.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: (redeemerwh.org/worship).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

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