



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.



GALATIANS

KEEP YOURSELF
IN GOD'S LOVE

November 17, 2024 – Twenty-sixth 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: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

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

Leader: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Leader: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

People: We thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

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.

I Am Set Free

Reading of the Law

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.

24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. 25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. (**Proverbs 11:24-25**)

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors, 14 therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed. (**Hosea 10:12-14a**)

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (**2 Corinthians 9:6**)

37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (**Luke 6:37-38**)

Prayer of Adoration and 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

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 4:32-5:2

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

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 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.

Songs 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

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer
Jesus Thank You

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.

Galatians 5:25-6:10

Song of Response & Sending

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

Good God

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.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Pg. 975 (Galatians 5:25-6:10 ESV)

Resources

Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend, ***Boundaries***

Tim Keller, ***"Galatians: New Family, New Freedom"*** sermon series

Paul Miller, ***The J-Curve***

Richard Sibbes, ***The Bruised Reed***

Sermon Series: Galatians: Keep Yourself in God's Love

Sermon Title: Gospel-Sized, Gospel-Shaped Love

Date: November 17, 2024

Hook: *Where are you weary - from doing good?*

I. GALLANT HUMILITY

"There are two ways to fail to let Jesus be your Savior. One is by being too proud, having a superiority complex. ... But the other is through an inferiority complex." – Tim Keller

II. GENTLE CORRECTION

"The best men are severe to themselves, tender over others." – Richard Sibbes

III. GENEROUS RESPONSIBILITY

"A strong strand throughout the Bible stresses that you are to give to needs and put limits on sin." – Henry Cloud & John Townsend

Takeaway: *Do as much good for as many people for as long as you can. With special attention to the faith family.*



THE GOSPEL IN

Habakkuk

Like the book of Job, this book presents important gospel truths for people who encounter difficulties that seem incomprehensible. Like many of us today, the prophet Habakkuk asked God two fundamental questions amid God's apparent absence and the world's growing animosity toward God's people: (1) Where are you? (2) Why are you doing this? As this man of God observed the chaos of idolatry and immorality that was consuming those who ought to know better, he cried out in two complaints, beseeching God to act with justice against evildoers and to provide mercy for those who were faithful to God.

God responds to both of these complaints in ways that shock and surprise the prophet. First, God declares he will use an enemy nation (Babylon) to bring justice to the evildoers in Judah. Second, God will reveal to Israel his unsearchable wisdom and providence by judging not just Judah but all his enemies. This message finally instills in the prophet a deepened, resilient faith amid perplexing bewilderment.

The gospel shines forth in these themes of justice, mercy, wisdom, and providential provision. Whereas God seemed absent and inactive amid Habakkuk's doubt and distress, this book fits within the context of the Bible's larger story that, in the fullness of time, God himself, through the person and work of Jesus Christ, would come in the flesh to bring justice and mercy for all. At the cross, Jesus receives justice for our sins of idolatry and immorality. Moreover, at the cross, Jesus secures the mercy of forgiveness to all who trust in his substitutionary work. Thus it is on the cross at Calvary that justice and mercy meet.

This gospel shines forth in Habakkuk, as the prophet recounts God's faithful deliverance of Israel during the wilderness wanderings and calls God's people to renewed faith in his provision. As Israel experienced deliverance from Egypt and establishment in the Promised Land, so also Christ's followers today experience a much greater deliverance, a deliverance toward which every earthly Old Testament deliverance pointed—deliverance from sin, with the promise of a heavenly home. The New Testament proclaims the good news that in God's wise and purposeful providence, God himself has come in Jesus Christ to deliver his people from the bondage of sin through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son.

The gospel response that the prophet finally realized and that every generation must discover afresh is this: the righteous live by faith. Habakkuk helps get us there.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Habakkuk"

Announcements

9 & Dine: Guys, join us on **Friday, November 22 for a 9 & Dine at the Country Club of Winter Haven.** A 9 hole scramble will begin at 2:30pm with dinner to follow at 5:30pm. The green fee is \$53. There is no cost for dinner — you can also opt to join for dinner only. **The deadline to sign up is November 20.** redeemerwh.org/golf

Christmas Choir: Advent season is just around the corner, and we're excited to announce that we are forming a choir. If you are interested, please contact Chris Van Alstine (christopher@redeemerwinterhaven.org). Ability to read music and sing parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) is a plus! We'll rehearse a few times (TBD) and sing on a couple of Sunday mornings during Advent and Christmas Eve.

Thanksgiving Service: Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be **Wednesday, November 27 at 6pm.** This is a brief service where we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Childcare will be available through Pre-K.

Christmas Party: Our Christmas Party is **Sunday, December 8 at 5pm at the Grove Roots' Packing House (302 3rd St SW).** This event is for adults only. We're looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

Person of Jesus Study: Join us for the Person of Jesus study on **Thursdays from 12-1pm (through November 21)** in Covenant Hall. Lunch & Childcare will be provided. This is a co-ed study open to anyone.

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 Ashley Bennett, ashmbennett1013@gmail.com.

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2024 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$31,369

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