



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

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 City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



January 23, 2021 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

The Season after Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as "ordinary time;" and it runs from Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. During Epiphany we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God's grace in revealing the Light to the world.

Call to Worship: Based on Ephesians 1

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

Leader: To the Father who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

ALL: We give praise and glory!

Leader: To the Son through whom we have redemption, forgiveness, and the riches of God's grace.

ALL: We give praise and glory!

Leader: To the Spirit that seals us in His promise, the guarantee of our inheritance until we possess it.

ALL: We give praise and glory!

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reading of the Law: Genesis 15:1, 6

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.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."... And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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.

God Moves In A Mysterious Way

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 9:15-16; 11:33-36

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

For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy... Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

Grace
Good and Gracious King

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.

Announcements & 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.

Ephesians 1:1-6 *(see insert)*

Song of Response & Sending

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

Sovereign Over Us

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 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Pg. 976 (Ephesians 1:1-6 ESV)

Resources

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, ***God's Ultimate Purpose***

John Piper, ***Pastoral Reflections on Election***

Carl Trueman, ***The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self***

Carl Trueman, ***Divine Therapy***

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss expressive individualism. Can you define it? Where do you see it most clearly - in society or in yourself?
2. God is sovereign. Is that scary to you? Or is it a comfort? Why?
3. Salvation is 100% God. Not 99%. Even our faith is not ours - it is from God (Eph 2:8-9). What are the practical implications of believing that? (Try to steer clear of arguing for or against the doctrine of election. Stick to the text.)
4. You are in the Beloved! Do you believe that? How does the doctrine of election help you believe?

Sermon Series: Ephesians: Riches of Grace

Sermon Title: The Father's Grace

Date: January 23, 2022

I. GOD

"We must start with God and forget ourselves." - Martyn Lloyd-Jones

II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

"Election is one of the best ways to test whether we've reversed roles with God." - John Piper

III. THE GRACE OF GOD

"Salvation belongs to the Lord" (Psalm 3:8).

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: The session has called a congregational meeting on **January 30** to receive the 2022 ministry budget. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Renew Polk: Our network is having a Vision & Prayer Gathering on **Sunday, February 6, 5pm at Trinity Presbyterian in Lakeland**. Childcare will be available through pre-k, email krissa@trinitylakeland.org by **Jan 30 to RSVP for childcare**. Consider making this a Community Group outing.

Men's Bible Study: Our men's Bible Study is resuming **Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30am**.

Men's Retreat: Guys, our men's retreat has moved to **March 4-5 at Dark Hammock Ranch**. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp for more details and to register.

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).

**SPRING
BUILD**

FEB 2 - MAR 16 | 630 - 730 PM

INFANTS - PK4		CHILDCARE
K - 5TH GRADE		CATECHISM
6TH - 12TH GRADE		YOUTH GROUP
ADULTS		VISION

FEB 2 & MAR 16
WE WILL BEGIN
WITH DINNER AT 545 PM

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@redeemewinterhaven.org.

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