



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 24, 2021 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. 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 33:16-17, 20-22

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

Leader: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

ALL: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

I Will Follow

Reading of the Law: Psalm 73:21-26

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.

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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).

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 4:2-5

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 if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
His Mercy Is More

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: 9am

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.

Hebrews 11:5-6 *(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.

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.

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5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Pg. 1007 (Hebrews 11:5-6 ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. Trying to please God solely on the basis of what we do is an impossible mission (Ex: Matt.7:21-23; Luke 15). Is this surprising?
2. Stand up and do trust falls with one another right now to illustrate what faith looks like (Just kidding).
3. Anne Lamott said, "The opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty." Discuss. In what areas of your life are idols of control keeping you from obeying & following God in faith? What would it look like to "roll that weight" off of yourself and onto Him?
4. The phrase "pleased God" can also be translated as "walked with God." That really simplifies what a life of faith looks like. What do you think it looks like to "walk with God" daily?

Resources

Trains, Jesus, and Murder: The Gospel According to Johnny Cash, Richard Beck

On the Road With Saint Augustine: A Real World Spirituality for Restless Hearts, James K.A. Smith

"Faith in Three Dimensions" Sermon, Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

Sermon Series: By Faith
Sermon Title: Pleasing God With Faith
Date: January 24, 2021

I. MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

How is our default strategy of pleasing God solely on the basis of our works an impossible mission?

II. YOU GOTTA HAVE FAITH

What is faith? What does it look like lived out?

III. PLEASED!

When we know that God is pleased with us in Christ, we're set free from people-pleasing and free to walk with Him.

Announcements

Men's Bible Study: Guys, we'd love for you to join us for a weekly Men's Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am beginning January 26** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary.

Women's Bible Study: What would it have been like to follow Jesus in His earthly ministry as he walked the hills of Galilee, taught in parables, journeyed up to Jerusalem, healed the sick, and cared for the outcast? Come and join the women of Redeemer and walk with Jesus as he loves. See his heart for the hurting, lost, and lonely.

For additional information or to RSVP for either the Zoom or in-person meeting, please contact either Sally Goodwill (sallyg1110@aol.com or 863.325.5200) or Gigi Savant (gigisavant@gmail.com or 863.258.0268).

Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Covenant Hall following COVID protocols
Thursday, 9:30-11am via Zoom

Worship Aesthetics Team: The Lockwoods are assembling "Worship Aesthetics Team" to help add meaningful beauty and creativity to our sanctuary throughout the different seasons of the year. If you have an eye for design, are creative, or just have an interest in being on this team to help, please email patrick@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Through Stained Glass: Check out our new podcast **Through Stained Glass**. The first season is called **How to Disagree Well**. Visit redeemerwh.org/podcast to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

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).

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit redeemerwh.org/directory to access your profile.

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/RCCmusic.



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