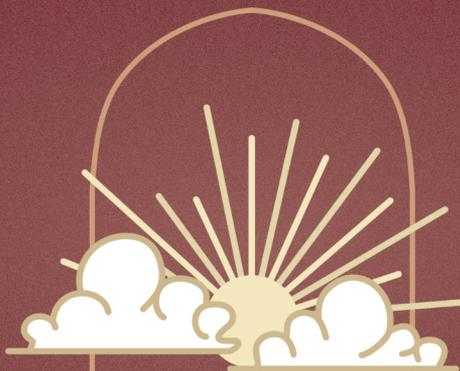




REDEEMER

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



WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The Gospel of John

February 15, 2026 – Sixth 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 59

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

Leader: I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been for me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress

People: O my Strength, I will sing praise to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

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.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 10:12-17

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.

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

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.

Softly And Tenderly

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-27

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

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you...

... And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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

Come Ye Sinners
O Great God

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.

John 3:1-15

Song of Response & Sending

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

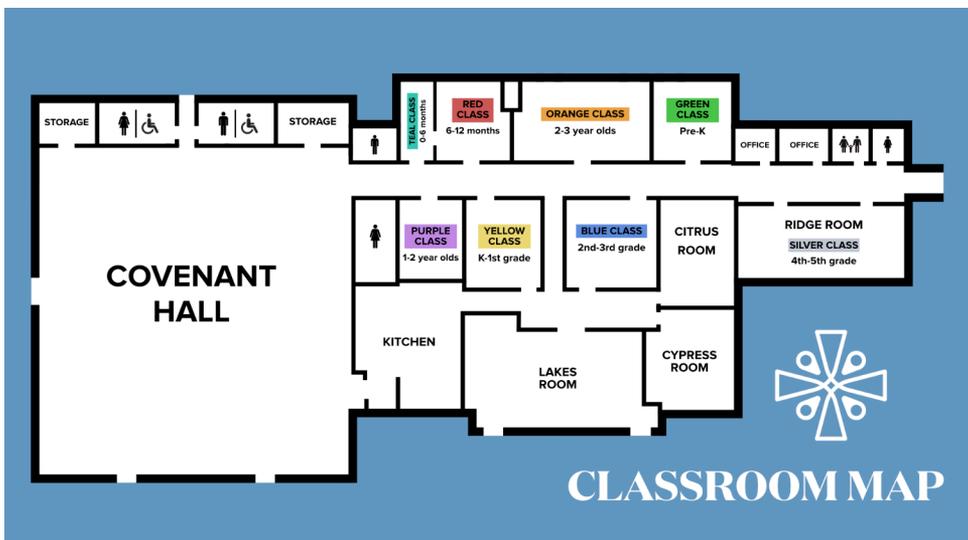
Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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

There is a prayer team available following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer.



Be sure to take a look at the map above to familiarize yourself with the new rooms and locations. Our welcome and hospitality area—with coffee and donuts—will now be located in the Lakes Room (opposite Dundee Road). We'll also be opening several new children's classrooms (see the list below). Parents are encouraged to check in your children when you arrive. Check-in stations will be available across campus: two in the Lakes Room, one in Covenant Hall, and one in the hallway. Classes for children age 3 and under will be available for the full duration of the service. For all other ages, there will be a dismissal during the service with clear directions.

- Nursing & Napping (0-6 months) ***New Location***
- Red Class (6-12 months) ***New Location***
- Purple Class (1-2 years) ***New Location***
- Orange Class (2-3 Years)
- Green Class (PreK)
- Yellow Class (K-1st) ***New Location***
- Blue Class (2nd-3rd) ***New Location***
- Silver Class (4th-5th)

Proclamation of God's Word

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

3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Pg. 887 (John 3:1-15)

Resources

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Tim Keller, *"Water and Wind" sermon*

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Chad Van Dixhoorn, *Confessing the Faith*

Sermon Series: We Have Seen His Glory

Sermon Title: The Breath of (New) Life

Date: February 15, 2026

Hook: *Are you a new person or just nice?*

I. BORN AGAIN

"No one is born a Christian." - R.C. Sproul

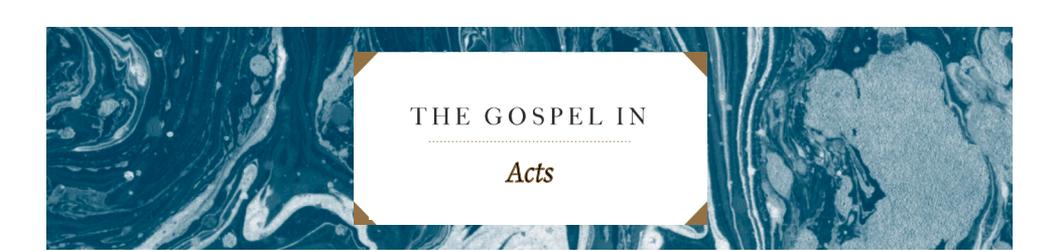
II. BORN FROM ABOVE

"Regeneration consists in the implanting of the principle of the new spiritual life in man, in a radical change of the governing disposition of the soul, which, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, gives birth to a life that moves in a Godward direction." - Louis Berkof

III. BORN OF GOD

"For as the external call of the preacher knocks at the human heart, it is the inner call of God which unlocks and opens it." - Chad Van Dixhoorn

Take-away: *The wind blows where it wills.*



THE GOSPEL IN

Acts

Passionate Pursuit

Acts reveals God's passionate pursuit of his people, beginning with his followers in Jerusalem, expanding to Samaria, then to the rest of the world. By the end of the book we see Paul living in Rome, "proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31). The gospel draws people in, constitutes them as the church centered on the grace of Jesus, and then sends them out in mission to the world. The new group of believers is marked by the Holy Spirit, who creates such a distinctive community that others are drawn in, experiencing God's grace. At the same time, they take the gospel message to new people and new lands, making God's grace known to the ends of the earth.

The gospel's expansion is the culmination of what God has been doing since the beginning. Luke consistently grounds salvation in the ancient purpose of God, which comes to fruition at God's own initiative. Acts shows that the new Christian movement is not a fringe sect but the culmination of God's plan of redemption. What was seen only as shadows in the Old Testament God reveals finally and fully through Jesus Christ. The book of Acts does not primarily provide human patterns to emulate or avoid. Instead, it repeatedly calls us to reflect upon the work of God, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, establishing the church by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are invited to enter and participate in a story that is much bigger than we are.

In Acts, the gospel expands not through human strength, but through weakness, opposition, and persecution. Demonic forces, worldly powers and authorities, governmental opposition, language and cultural barriers, intense suffering and bloody persecution, unjust imprisonment, unbelief, internal disunity, and even shipwrecks and snakes all threaten to slow down the gospel's advance. But opposition and suffering do not thwart the spread of Jesus' grace; rather, they fuel it.

The gospel spreads despite barriers of geography, ethnicity, culture, gender, and wealth. Many of these barriers appear so inviolable that when the gospel is preached to a new segment of society, riots ensue. But Luke makes clear that no one is beyond the scope of God's saving power, nor is anyone exempt from the need for God's redeeming grace.

All people receive the grace of God through one man, Jesus Christ. Jesus' gospel goes out to all places and all types of people, because Jesus is Lord of all.

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

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Our session will present the 2026 ministry budget in our congregational meeting **today** immediately following the service in Covenant Hall.

Get Connected: Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us for our Get Connected Lunch on **February 22 in the Cypress Room following the service!** For food planning & childcare purposes, please let us know you plan to attend by registering at redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Worship and Prayer Night: On **February 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm**, our church will join together to pray for the world and those around us through song and corporate prayer. We hope to see you there!

Men's Paddle Trip: We're returning to the Peace river for a paddle and camping trip on **February 27-28**. We'll launch at Zolfo Springs Pioneer Park, and finish at the Gardner Boat Ramp, approximately 20 miles down river. All ages are welcome. Whether or not you plan to go, please let Richard know (richardwalkermcadams@gmail.com) if you have a canoe or kayak that we can borrow so as many guys as possible can join the fun. To register, please visit redeemerwh.org/menspaddletrip.

Communicants Class: Our communicant's class is a four-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicant's classes are, please register them at redeemerwh.org/rsvp. The classes will be on **Sunday mornings in March (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)** during Kids Worship. Space is limited.

Women's Bible Study: Our Women's Bible Study is going through the *Person of Jesus, Unit 1: Compassion* book **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am** until April 30. Childcare is available. We'd love for you to join us!

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).

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2026 GOAL: \$50,000
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