

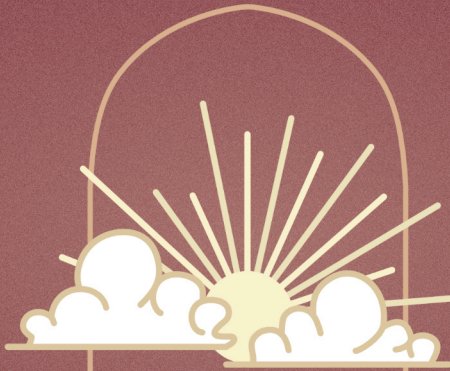


# REDEEMER

## WINTER HAVEN

*"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

*Psalm 46:10 (ESV)*



# WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

*The Gospel of John*

*February 22, 2026 – The First Sunday of Lent*

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## **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

## Call to Worship: Micah 7:18-20

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

### **People: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression?**

Leader: He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

### **People: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness and steadfast love to us.**

## 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.*

From The Depths Of Woe I Raise To Thee (Psalm 130)

## Reading of the Law: Ephesians 5:1-2

*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.*

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.

## 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).*

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.*

Leader: There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But on hearing your call to love you with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.

**People: Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

## Song of Repentance

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

Softly And Tenderly

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 8:1-4; 37-39

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

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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.*

God So Loved  
Nothing But the Blood

## **Worship Through Giving:** Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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 Dedication for the Building:** See last page

## **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 3:16-21

## **Song of Repose and Sending**

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

The Love Of 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

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

## Proclamation of God's Word

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

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Pg. 888 (John 3:16-21)

## Resources

Kelly Kapic, ***You Were Never Meant to Do it All***

Tim Keller, ***"The God of Love and Fury" sermon***

Michael Reeves, ***God Shines Forth***

John Stott, ***The Cross of Christ***

**Sermon Series:** We Have Seen His Glory

**Sermon Title:** The Gift

**Date:** February 22, 2026

**Hook:** *What is the most expensive gift you've ever been given?*

## **I. THE CRISIS**

*"The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay on the Father, the greatest unkindness you can do to him is not to believe that he loves you." – John Owen*

## **II. THE TRUTH**

*"God's love is the source, not the consequence, of the atonement. ... God does not love us because Christ died for us; Christ died for us because God loved us." – John Stott*

## **III. MISSION**

*"The God we know – or think we know – is the God we will show to the world." – Michael Reeves*

**Takeaway:** *Do the truth!*

# Prayer of Dedication for the Building

To You, God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord:

**We dedicate this space.**

To You, eternal Son of God, Redeemer of Your people and Head of Thy church:

**We dedicate this space.**

To You, Spirit of God, lord and giver of life, our teacher, sanctifier and comforter:

**We dedicate this space.**

For the worship of God in praise and prayer;  
For the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God;  
For the celebration of the holy Sacraments:

**We dedicate this space.**

For the diffusion of sacred knowledge;  
For the promotion of righteousness;  
For the extension of the kingdom of God:

**We dedicate this space.**

For release of the captives;  
For recovering of sight to the blind;  
For rest to the heavy laden:

**We dedicate this space.**

For comfort to those who mourn;  
For strength to those who are tempted;  
For assurance to those of little faith:

**We dedicate this space.**

For the sanctifying of the family;  
For the nurture of the young;  
For the perfection of believers:

**We dedicate this space.**

In gratitude for the gracious keeping of the divine covenant throughout past generations;

In reliance upon the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church;

In the hope of the eternal glory of the Church Triumphant:

**We dedicate this space.**

**Lenten Devotionals & Playlists**

Available on our app

## Announcements

**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 **today in the Cypress Room following the service!**

**Worship and Prayer Night: This Wednesday 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 Update:** The men will be doing their paddle trip down the Peace River on **Saturday, February 28**. This has been changed to a *day trip only*, no camping. Please contact Richard McAdams at 202-549-8129 to reserve a spot. No cost or gear required for this trip.

**Community Group Open House:** If you are looking for a community group, we invite you to be part of our Community Group Open House on **March 22, April 26, and May 31** after worship. This monthly gathering is designed for those hoping to join a regular group. Lunch will be provided, and you'll experience a typical community group format—time to connect, discuss the sermon, and share prayer requests. Please sign up at [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp).

**Communicants Class:** Our communicant's class is a five-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](https://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](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://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](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://flchurchplanting.org)).

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**2026 GOAL: \$50,000**

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