



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)

WELLNESS

BUILDING FOR RESILIENCY

June 21, 2026 – Fourth 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: Psalm 25:12-14

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

Leader: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that He should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being ... The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

People: My eyes are ever toward the Lord.

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.

God So Loved

Reading of the Law: John 15:12-17

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 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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.

Come to Me

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:7-12

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

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him...

...10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners
Reckless Love

Receiving New Members

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Carlos & Maria Polo
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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.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught this prayer to guide His people in how to pray (Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13). When we pray it together, we address God as our Father, ask for His kingdom to come, depend on Him for daily provision, seek forgiveness, and look to Him for strength to walk in faithfulness.

Proclamation of God's Word

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

Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 18:24; 27:5-6,17;
Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; Psalm 133

Song of Response & 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

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

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13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm....17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.... 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 18:24(ESV)

27:5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy... 17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:5-6, 17 (ESV)

4:7 Again, I saw vanity under the sun: 8 one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 (ESV)

133:1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalms 133 (ESV)

Resources

Ralph Waldo Emerson, ***On Friendship***

David Gibson, ***Living Life Backward***

C.S. Lewis, ***The Four Loves***

Matt Smethurst, ***Tim Keller on the Christian Life***

Sermon Series: Wellness: Building for Resiliency

Sermon Title: Relationships

Date: June 21, 2026

Hook: *Who are your people?*

I. NEED

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov 17:17).

II. DEFINITION

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov 18:24).

III. CHALLENGES

"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity... For there the Lord has commanded the blessing" (Psalm 133)

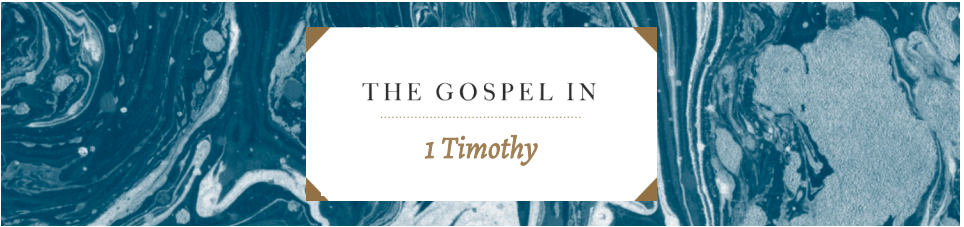
IV. THREADS

"Two are better than one... a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

V. POWER

"I no longer call you servants; I call you friends" (John 15:15)

Take-away: *Be a friend!*



THE GOSPEL IN

1 Timothy

Godliness and the Gospel

The thrust of 1 Timothy is that godliness is central to the Christian's continuing in the gospel and the church's proclamation of the gospel. Words relating to "godliness" occur ten times in this short book, and throughout the letter Paul grounds godly behavior in Christ's gospel. Sadly, those whose behavior is contrary to the gospel of Christ deny the reality of their faith. Indeed, personal godliness (Christ-infused godliness) is not only indispensable to perseverance in faithfulness, but absolutely essential to the proclamation of the gospel to the lost world. In a nutshell, the theme of 1 Timothy is Christ-centered godliness for the sake of the gospel.

This gospel theme is explicit in 1 Tim. 2:1–7, where Paul urges that prayers be made for all people so that believers may lead godly lives. He comments, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth". Paul follows this declaration of God's gospel heart with consecutive detailed directives for godliness to three groups: women, overseers, and deacons. These instructions are followed by what are the universally acknowledged key verses of the letter, calling the church to conduct that is radically Christ-centered and Christ-generated—which is to say, gospel-centered godliness.

Chapter 4 begins with a warning against pursuing godliness through man-centered asceticism, which Paul terms the "teaching of demons". This is followed by the famous non-ascetic command to Timothy to "train yourself for godliness" and its accompanying array of applications and benefits. Chapter 5 flows into chapter 6 with directives regarding how the treatment of various groups in the church must be shaped by godliness: older men and women, younger men and women, widows, elders, and masters. In chapter 6 Paul warns against those who teach a different doctrine that "does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness". Godliness and greed are juxtaposed. Paul closes by exhorting Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." And, in this Christlike spirit, "Fight the good fight of the faith".

So we see that 1 Timothy is not simply a moralistic manual for church conduct. It is rather a call to Christ-centered, gospel-centered godliness for the sake of the church—and a lost world.

Announcements

Summer Children's Ministry: During the summer our children's ministry is hosting monthly events for children and their parents.

- **June 27, 9:30-11am** | Water Day at Redeemer
- **July 11, 12:30-2pm** | Bowling at Incredibowl
- **August 8, 9:30-11:30am** | Splash Bash at Lake Eva Aquatic Park

The Commons: This summer we're launching a new ministry for young singles in our church community. If you'd like more information about the group, reach out to **Dale (863.508.9807) or Misty McCracken (863.289.0735)**.

- **June 20** | Mini Golf & Dinner | Disney's Fantasia Gardens
- **July 5** | Bowling & Dessert | Incredibowl & McCracken's Home
- **July 31** | Movie & Dinner | The Joinery in Lakeland

Men's Night: Join us for a "top golf" experience and complimentary dinner on **July 24, 6-8pm, at Southern Dunes**. Friendly competition with a few prizes. No program, just fun fellowship.

Summer Women's Bible Study: Ladies, we're excited to offer a Women's Bible Study this summer. We'll meet **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am (through August 13) in the Lakes Room**. The study is based on *"Esther: The Hidden Hand of God"* by Lydia Brownback.

Hearing Assistance: If you are in need of hearing assistance during the service, please join our "Redeemer Guest" Wifi and download the Listen Wifi App at redeemerwh.org/listen.

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).

MISSION
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2026 GOAL: \$50,000
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