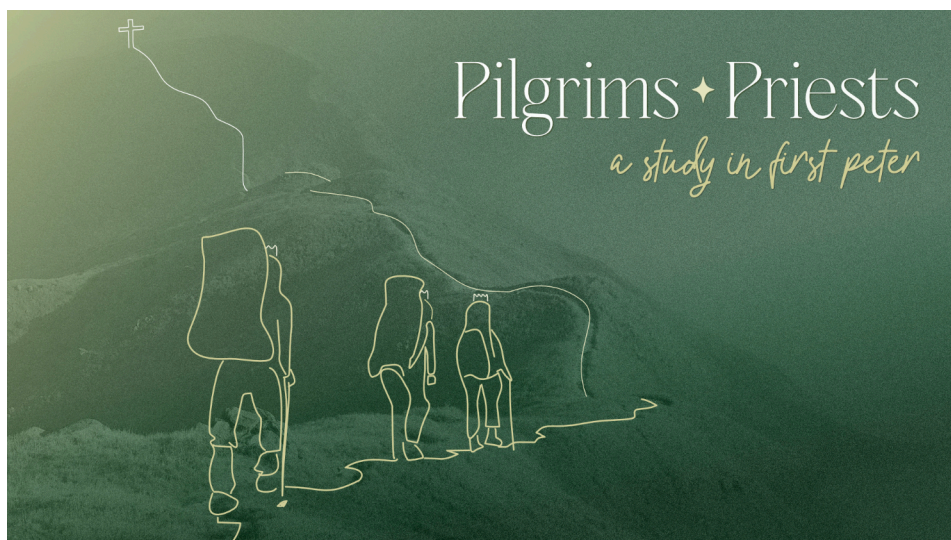




REDEEMER

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.



August 3, 2025 – Eighth 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 31

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

Leader: Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you.

People: Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously show his steadfast love to me when I was a besieged city.

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for 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.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Reading of the Law: Hebrews 11:13-16

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.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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: Philippians 3:18-21

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

18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

The Love Of Christ Is Rich And Free
Who You Say I Am

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 kindergarten** 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.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Jesus Thank You

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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Southland Student Camps

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

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.

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Pg. 1014 (1 Peter 1:1-2 ESV)

Resources

Michael Frost, ***Keep Christianity Weird***

Stanley Hauerwas, ***Resident Aliens***

James Davison Hunter, ***To Change the World***

Larry Hurtado, ***Destroyer of the gods***

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests

Sermon Title: Pilgrims and Priests

Date: August 3, 2025

Hook: *Is there anybody in your life that thinks you're weird (or dangerous) because you're a Christian?*

I. PILGRIMS AND PRIESTS

"The church's oddness is essential to its faithfulness." - Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon

II. TRINITARIAN GRACE

"Certainly, Christianity did not fall from the sky like some foreign object." - Larry Hurtado

Take-away: *Be holy! Be visible!*

MISSION FUND

Mission Moment: Southland Student Camps



Southland Student Camps is a not-for-profit organization composed of Reformed and like-minded churches. They offer camps and retreats for students with the goal of building a bridge to connect graduating seniors with college campus ministries.

Additionally, they resource leaders to produce students who continue in the faith and become future leaders of God's Church by providing regional meet ups and trainings quarterly.

The Mission Fund also supports the following groups:

Global Missionaries:

- Scruggs Family (London - Serge)
- Neal W. (Central Asia - Mission to the World)
- John (Central Asia - Mission to the World)

National & Community Support:

- Reformed University Fellowship (FSU) - Kelly Jackson - Campus Minister
- Reformed University Fellowship (FSU) - Victoria Wallenstein - Campus Staff
- Reformed University Fellowship (USF) - Aldo Mondin - Campus Minister
- Chaplain Jeff Skipper
- Southland Student Camps
- LifeChoice Pregnancy Center
- Heart for Winter Haven
- Faith Xtreme
- Habitat for Humanity (Faith Build)
- Elbert Elementary School
- Eagle Lake Community Baseball
- Optimist Annual Santa Fun Run
- RWH: Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child
- RWH: Foster Care & Adoption Fund
- RWH: Youth/College Missions Fund

To give to the Mission Fund, please write "Mission Fund" in check memo or give online at: redeemerwh.org/mission

Announcements

Two Services: Starting next Sunday, we are temporarily transitioning to two services at Redeemer. Please watch Drew's video (redeemerwh.org/2services) to hear an explanation of why we are transitioning and what it will look like.

BUILD: BUILD is a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and get trained in our gospel tools. We will meet weekly on Wednesday nights **August 6th through 27th. Dinner begins at 5:30pm, classes begin at 6:30pm.**

- 0-3 yrs | Childcare
- Infants-PreK | Childcare
- K-5th Grade | Catechism
- Youth | Youth Group
- Adults | Gospel Tools & Membership Course (*Membership Course registration is closed*)

A Praying Church: Join us **Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6 at Venue 650** to hear Paul E. Miller, author of *A Praying Life* and *A Praying Church*, give us a vision for and practical experience in praying as a community. Together, we'll look at praying communities through the ages and into today and discover what—or who—makes them work. The cost is \$25, and you can register at rebrand.ly/apc_wh.

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).

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 Ashley Bennett, ashmbennett1013@gmail.com.

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2025 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$6,296

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