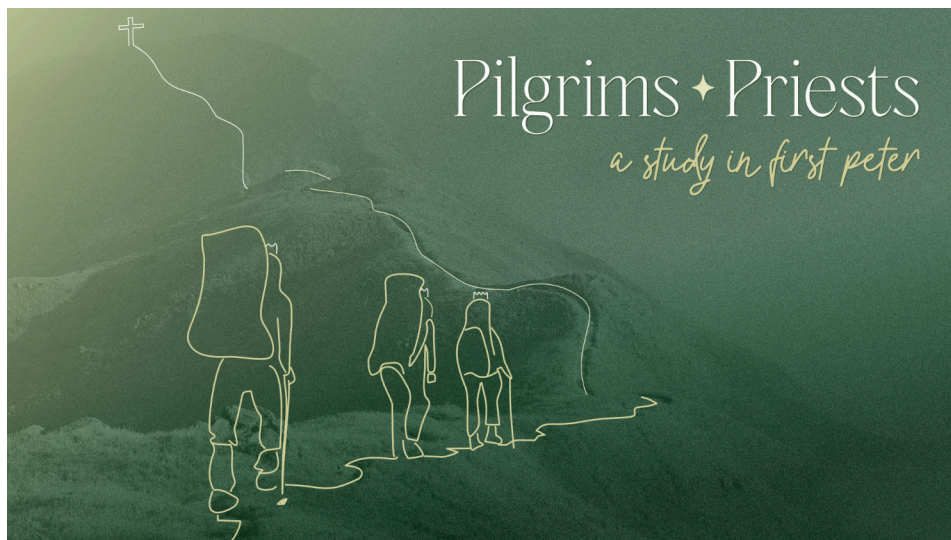




# REDEEMER

## 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 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

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### **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 121**

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

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the hills. From where does your help come from?

**People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper. He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

## **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.*

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

## **Reading of the Law: Psalm 66:8-12**

*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.*

8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, 9 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. 10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; 12 you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

## **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: John 17:3-15**

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

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

## 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*

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death  
King Of Kings

## 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 (9am)** **age 3 (10:45am)** 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 1:1-9

## Song of Response & Sending

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

Living Hope

## 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.*

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. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pg. 1014 (1 Peter 1:1–9 ESV)

## Resources

John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*

Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter*

Karen Jobes, *1 Peter*

James K.A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*

**Sermon Series:** Pilgrims and Priests

**Sermon Title:** Living Hope

**Date:** August 10, 2025

**Hook:** *How often do you think about heaven?*

## **I. HEAVEN**

*"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it until now." – The Unicorn in C.S. Lewis' The Last Battle*

## **II. PERSEVERANCE**

*"God who works for us also works in us. Our faith is his way of keeping us; It is his gift. Why does God use faith as the instrument of his keeping power? Because faith is not our achievement, but trust in God's achievement." – Edmund Clowney*

## **III. JOY**

*"There is already joy enough in the little finger of a great saint to waken all the dead things of the universe to life." – C.S. Lewis*

**Take-away:** *In suffering, all you lose is dress.*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *Deuteronomy*

Deuteronomy is clearly one of the most important books in the Old Testament. First, Jesus quoted the book of Deuteronomy more than any other book in the Old Testament. Second, Jesus used the book of Deuteronomy in his own life more than any other book in the Old Testament. For example, Jesus answered all three of his temptations in the wilderness with quotations from the book of Deuteronomy. Since the person of Jesus is at the very heart of the gospel and Deuteronomy was so important in his life, it should therefore not be hard to find the gospel in this last book of Moses' Pentateuch.

We can see the gospel in the overall structure of the book of Deuteronomy. While it is true that the majority of the book and the center of the book are occupied with laws and the consequences of keeping or breaking those laws, this "law" section is surrounded by grace. The first four chapters are in effect an account of how gracious God has been to Israel in the past. So, God's grace in the past serves as the context and motivation for Israel's keeping the law.

Likewise, the last four chapters are in effect an account of how gracious God will be to Israel in the future. So also, God's grace in the future serves as the context and motivation for Israel's keeping the law. Thus, in the book of Deuteronomy, the law is surrounded by grace, and keeping the law is a response to grace received and anticipated. We can also see the gospel within the central section of the book of Deuteronomy. Keeping the law in the book of Deuteronomy is a response to God's grace and not a means to earn God's favor. This truth is articulated nowhere more clearly than in the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5), where all of the commandments are rooted in God's gracious redemption. The apostle Paul certainly saw the gospel in the book of Deuteronomy.

In his letter to the Romans, for example, Paul drew on Deuteronomy to teach that the law reveals sin, that righteousness is by faith, that a circumcision of the heart is necessary for true obedience, that keeping the law is the way to love one's neighbor, that we should not seek personal revenge, and that we should expect Gentiles to be added to an originally all-Jewish people of God.

Finally, Jesus saw the gospel in the book of Deuteronomy. This is revealed not only in that he quoted extensively from Deuteronomy and used it in his own life, but also in that he reflected theologically on Deuteronomy. When asked, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered by including a quote from Deuteronomy 6:4-5: "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'". Jesus taught that we love God because of who he is, "the Lord our God." We love him by keeping his commandments because he is our God; he is not our God because we love him by keeping his commandments. That is grace. It is gospel. And because we have received this grace, we keep the second greatest commandment, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". We love because he loved. We extend grace because he extended grace.

## Announcements

**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.** Please join us in the following weeks even if you could not make it this past weeks!

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

**Women's Bible Study:** This fall our women's Bible study will be going through Acts: *The Power That Changes the World, Study Guide (The Gospel-Centered Life in the Bible)*. We will be meeting **Thursdays starting on September 4 in the Blue Classroom from 9:30-11am.** Childcare provided!

**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](https://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](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)).

### 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](mailto:ashmbennett1013@gmail.com).

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**2025 GOAL:** \$50,000  
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