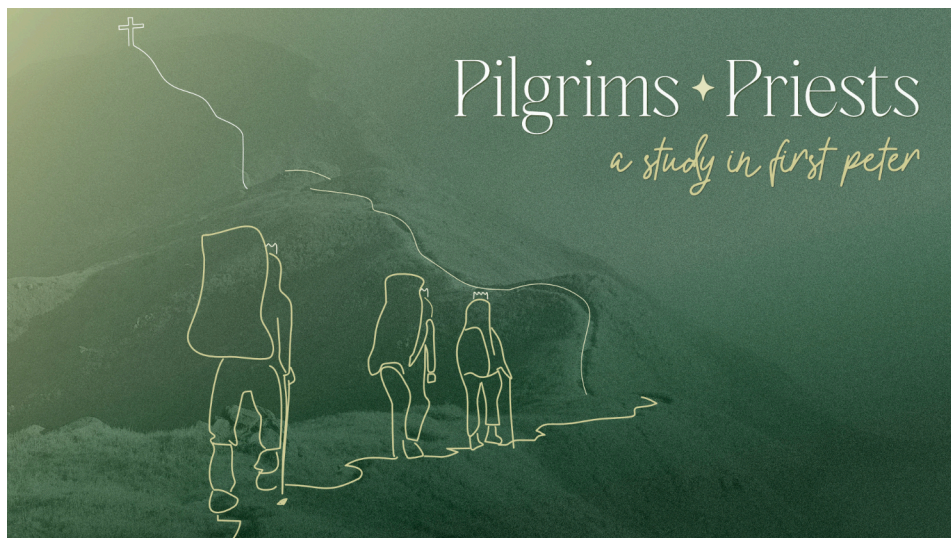




REDEEMER

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.



September 7, 2025 – Thirteenth 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 36:5-9

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

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

People: Your judgments are like the great deep.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

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.

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 8:12-14

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 Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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: Psalm 130:3-8

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 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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 Lead Us With Thy Power
All Sufficient Merit

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 (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 2:13-17

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.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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

Elbert Elementary

Song of Response & Sending

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

In Christ Alone

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.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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Resources

Yuval Levin, ***A Time to Build***

Michael Reeves, ***Rejoice and Tremble***

James K.A. Smith, ***On the Road with St. Augustine***

Carl Trueman, ***Crisis of Confidence***

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests
Sermon Title: The Scaffolding of Freedom
Date: September 7, 2025

Hook: *Who has tie-breaking authority?*

Doctrine: *Institutions are molds not platforms.*

I. FEAR GOD

"The fear of God is the soul of godliness." - John Murray

II. HONOR THE EMPEROR

"Those of us in the West have been taught to believe so deeply in the authority and autonomy of the individual that subjecting our own thoughts to external authorities is utterly counterintuitive. ... many of us are inclined to believe that if something does not make sense the first time we look at it, it - and not we - must be wrong." - Carl Trueman

III. LOVE THE BROTHERS

"Being is a zero-sum game: it's you or me. This cosmos isn't big enough for the two of us to be free." - Jean-Paul Sartre

Take-away: *Live free!*

MISSION FUND

Mission Moment: Elbert Elementary



Our neighbors at Elbert Elementary have been a mission partner of ours for 15 years. We've helped with work days, gifts for teachers, mentoring, facility improvements, and an annual Christmas shop.

They have just moved into a brand new campus after two years of being away, and we are excited about re-engaging them with neighborly love.

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

Get Connected Drop-In: Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us **in the Blue Classroom after either service on September 14** for a short 30 minute meeting to learn more about Redeemer.

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 in the Blue Classroom from 9:30-11am**. Childcare provided, please contact Sally Goodwill at 863-325-5200.

Faith and Work: Our men's ministry is having a collection of fall gatherings centered on the idea of integrating faith & work. More details to come. In the meantime, please mark your calendars:

- **September 25**, 6-8pm, Chamber of Commerce
- **October 24**, 3:30-8pm, Country Club of Winter Haven
- **November 20**, 6-9pm, Brown's Sea Plane Base

We're Hiring: We're looking for a new director of our women's ministry. This is a part-time position. To see the job description or apply, please visit redeemerwinterhaven.org/employment.

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: \$8,089

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