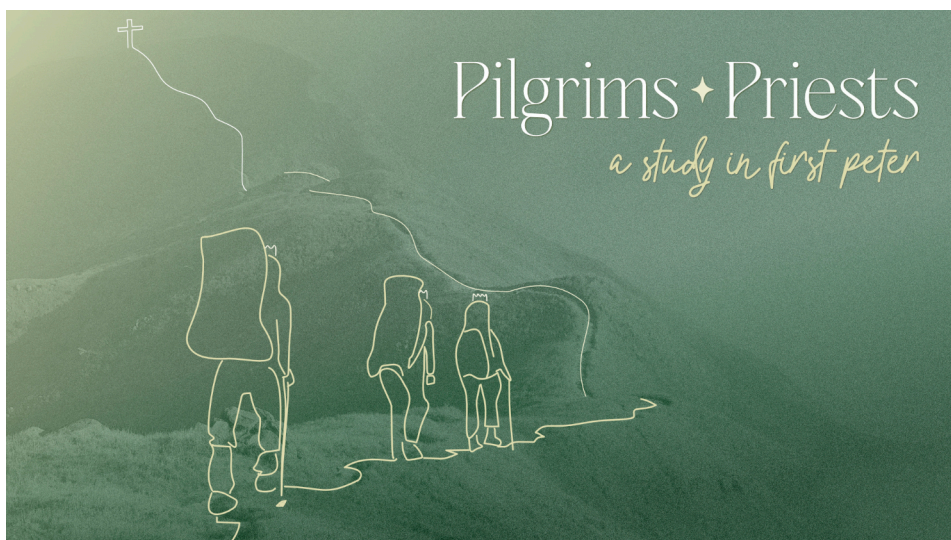




REDEEMER

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 21, 2025 – Fifteenth 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: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

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

Leader: I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of God!

People: He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

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 Thou Fount

Reading of the Law: Philippians 2:3-8

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.

2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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: Ephesians 5:1-2

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

5:1 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.

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

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

Receiving New Members: 10:45

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.

Steven & Anna Harrison (*communing*)

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 (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

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1 Peter 2:18-25

Song of Response & Sending

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

Turn Your Eyes

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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3:1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Pg. 1015 (1 Peter 3:1-7 ESV)

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests

Sermon Title: The Gospel Home

Date: September 21, 2025

Hook: *How do you handle being #2 (not #1)?*

I. TRUE BEAUTY (vs. 1-6)

"Beauty is in the heart of the beholder." – H.G. Wells

II. TRUE LEADERSHIP (vs. 7)

"The reason why a servant is the most preeminent position in the kingdom of God is that the sole function of a servant is to give, and giving is the essence of God."
– Jonathan Edwards

Take-away: *A beautiful home can change the world.*

Announcements

Women's Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join **Friday, October 10, from 6-8pm** at 867 Twin Oaks Lane for a night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer.

A Night of Worship and Prayer: On **October 15 from 6:30-7:30pm**, 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!

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, The Exchange-Magnolia (250 Magnolia Ave. SW, Suite 200)
- **October 17**, 4-8pm, Country Club of WH. Register at redeemerwh.org/golf.
- **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.

MOTS: We are a vibrant community of moms where you can find support, connection, interesting speakers, crafts, & fellowship. We enjoy creating a fun space for every mom from pregnancy through moms of Kindergarten-age children. We meet the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am** and include breakfast and childcare. Please contact Debbi Crosby (863-604-4091) if you have any questions.

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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