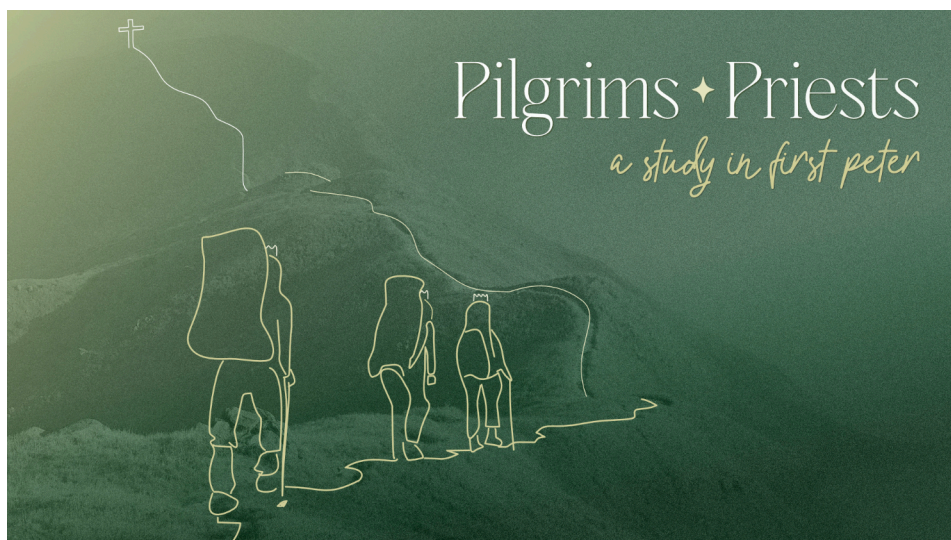




REDEEMER

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.



October 5, 2025 – Seventeenth 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 92

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

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises, to declare your steadfast love in the morning, your faithfulness by night.

People: For you, O LORD have made me glad by your work; the works of your hands cause me to sing for joy.

Leader: Though the wicked flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; but you O LORD are on high forever.

People: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, they are planted in the house of the LORD and flourish in the courts of our God, bearing fruit in old age.

Leader: They declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, there is no unrighteousness in Him!

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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Reading of the Law: Romans 6:1-4, 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.

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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: Romans 6:5-11

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 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

This Is Amazing Grace
Goodness Of God

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 4:1-12, 19

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.

Rock Of Ages

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.

LifeChoice Pregnancy Center

Song of Response & Sending

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

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. 4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; 5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you... 19 Let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests

Sermon Title: Stewards of Grace

Date: October 5, 2025

Hook: *What do you live for?*

I. STEWARDS IN SUFFERING

"For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." - 1 Peter 3:17

II. STEWARDS IN SERVICE

"New life in Christ is lived out in a community of loving service." - Ed Clowney

III. STEWARDS IN THE SPIRIT

"The Christian life is not just imitating Christ or thinking about Christ; it is that Christ is actually operating through us by the Spirit." - CS Lewis

Take-away: *"Resolution 1: I will live for God. Resolution 2: If no one else does, I still will." - Jonathan Edwards*

MISSION FUND

Mission Moment: LifeChoice Pregnancy Center



LifeChoice Pregnancy Center is a ministry devoted to building relationships and sharing the gospel with women who experience unplanned pregnancies and are considering abortion.

LifeChoice offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, post-abortion counseling, and material resources through a program called "Earn While You Learn."

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

Women's Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join us **THIS 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. Childcare is available for kids ages three and under. We hope to see you there!

Renew Polk Worship Service: On **Sunday, October 26 at 5:30pm**, Renew Polk will be hosting a combined worship gathering at Christ Community (6565 S Florida Ave). This evening is an opportunity to hear updates on how God is moving in and through church plants here in Polk County while also praying for the gospel to continue to bear fruit in our area. Consider making this a Community Group outing.

Faith and Work: This fall, Redeemer men's ministry will host a gathering to look at Tim Keller's book *Every Good Endeavor*, which articulates the intersection of work and faith from the perspective of the gospel. Come enjoy a complimentary buffet dinner, hear God's wisdom for work, and enjoy fellowship. Bring a friend! Please mark your calendars:

- **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 pastoral resident and a new director of our women's ministry. To see the job descriptions 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
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