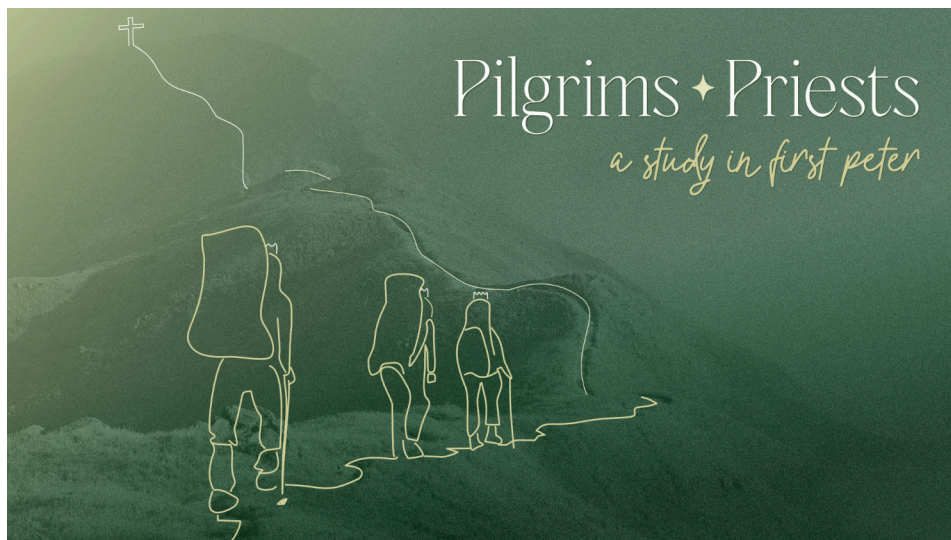




REDEEMER

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 12, 2025 – Eighteenth 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 18:1-3, 30

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

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

People: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

People: This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge 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.

This is My Father's World

Reading of the Law: 2 Corinthians 4:6, 16-18

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.

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ... 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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: Colossians 1:19-23

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

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

... 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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 The Sure And Steady Anchor
O Great God

Receiving New Members: 9:00

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.

Stephen & Trudy Stogner (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

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 Peter 5:1-12

Song of Response & Sending

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

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.

5:1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

Pg. 1016 (1 Peter 5:1-12 ESV)

Resources

Kelly Kapic, ***You're Only Human***

Jeramie Rinne, ***Church Elders***

Chris Hutchinson, ***Rediscovering Humility***

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests
Sermon Title: Standing Firm in Grace
Date: October 12, 2025

Hook: *What has struck you most in this letter of Peter?*

I. THE UNIFORM

"Do you understand what I have done to you?" - John 13:12

II. THE PRESSURE

"Jesus has experienced firsthand the anxiety-producing fragility of life. He anguished honestly...and he trusted His Father with his life." - David Powlison

III. THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound!" - John Newton

Take-away: *Stand Firm!*



THE GOSPEL IN

Joshua

A Story of Grace

From the beginning to the end of the book of Joshua, the formula is repeated: God gives and Israel inherits. The spotlight is not on Joshua's moral example or on timeless principles of conduct but on Yahweh's fulfillment of a historical promise. Even Joshua's name ("Yahweh Saves!") points away from himself to the real hero of the story. Joshua is a story of grace.

God's gracious covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15 involved key promises, including a temporal land and nation (the "type," or beginning of a pattern) and an everlasting inheritance for all nations through his descendant—Jesus Christ (the reality to which the type pointed; see Gal. 3:16). Though entering land is a gracious gift (Deut. 7:6–9; 9:4–8), remaining God's holy nation did depend on Israel's obedience to the covenant. This echoes Adam's testing in Eden, with the consequent promise of life or death, blessing or curse, enjoyment of God or exile (Ex. 19:4–8; 24:3, 8; Deut. 11:17, 26; 28:1–68). Even after heeding the voice of the serpent, Adam and Eve received God's gracious promise of a Savior, the seed (or "off-spring") of the woman, who would crush the serpent's head (Gen. 3:15). Would this seed be Israel? Was Israel the fulfillment of God's promise? In spite of much genuine faith and obedience under Joshua, already this book hints at the tragic verdict: "But like Adam they [Israel] transgressed the covenant" (Hos. 6:7). The nation of Israel was not the ultimate seed of God's promise but rather was God's instrument for providing it (that is, for providing him).

God's Authority

Like the spies Joshua sent into Jericho, the apostles were an advance force for the conquering purposes of God. But the means of their conquest were quite different. Jesus rebuked James and John for wanting to execute holy war on Samaritans that had rejected the gospel (Luke 9:51–56). Their mission was to preach the gospel of Christ's kingdom. Jesus similarly instructed the 72 to fulfill their mission not by force but by preaching (Luke 10–12), giving them "authority to tread on serpents" (Luke 10:19). However, it is Satan—the real Enemy behind the earthly enemies—whose head is finally being crushed (Luke 10:17–20; cf. Rom. 16:20).

Our God yet retains the physical and spiritual authority to do as he wishes for the whole world. When Christ returns, he will judge the whole earth, together with his saints (1 Cor. 6:2). His victory will be more powerful and forceful than anything that we read about in the book of Joshua; it will mark the final destruction of evil and the establishment of everlasting righteousness and peace. Through Joshua's conquest we discern the power of God's might through an incredibly flawed nation, but only in the Seed that would come through Joshua's people do we see the true purpose and end of God's conquering promises. Unlike the wars of old that led only to more bloodshed and misery, Christ's global judgment and victory when he comes again will truly be the war to end all wars (Matt. 3:11–12; 24:27–25:46; Rev. 17:1–20:15).

Announcements

Get Connected: 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 **Silver Classroom today after either worship service** for a short 30 minute meeting to learn more about Redeemer.

A Night of Worship and Prayer: This **Wednesday 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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