



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.

Pilgrims ♦ Priests

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November 2, 2025 – Twenty-first 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 44

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

Leader: O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us

People: You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob!

Leader: For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me. But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

People: In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

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.

Who Is Like The Lord (Psalm 113)

Reading of the Law: Ezekiel 18:20-23, 30-32

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.

20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. 21 But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 22 None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?"

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

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: Exodus 34:5-7

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 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness..."

... 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

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

Praise To The Lord The Almighty
His Glory And My Good

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.

2 Peter 3:1-15

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.

Good Good Father

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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Heart for Winter Haven

Song of Response & Sending

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

Abide

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 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him

Sermon Series: Pilgrims and Priests

Sermon Title: The Slowness of God, Salvation for Sinners

Date: November 2, 2025

Hook: *Do you ever think about the end of the world?*

I. GOD'S DELAY

"The delay of Christ's second coming to salvation is not, after all, the failure of God's plan, but rather the condition of its success." - Peter Lewis

II. GOD'S KINDNESS

"Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" - Romans 2:4

Take-away: *As you wait, hasten Jesus' return!*

MISSION FUND

Mission Moment: Heart for Winter Haven



Heart for Winter Haven is a faith-based, non-profit committed to building a connected community of churches, non-profits and businesses that can take better care of vulnerable people in our community. They believe poverty is rooted in broken relationships and bring people together through collaborations that restore relationships, build resources, and grow community.

Their annual Vision Banquet is November 11, please visit heart4wh.org for more information.

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

Fall Fest: Please join us for a Fall Fest & Chili Cook Off **Saturday, November 8 at 3pm in the Twelve Oaks Neighborhood (879 Twin Oaks Ln)**. We'll have inflatables, face painting, and a hayride for the kids. We'll also have yard games for the adults, and of course, lots of chili! To sign up to bring food, please visit redeemerwh.org/chilisignup.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, registration is now open for our Redeemer Women's Retreat **January 30-Feb 1, 2026**. Join us at The Grove Resort in Orlando as we practice and experience Deeper Rest in Christ Alone. To register and to see more details including speakers, cost, schedule, and rooming choices, please visit redeemerwh.org/womensretreat. We can't wait to enjoy a time of learning and rest with you!

Faith and Work: Our final fall gathering will be at Brown's Sea Plane Base on **Thursday, November 20, from 6-9pm**. Join us as we continue to hear testimonies from other men and discuss how our faith integrates with our work. We'll be having a low country boil for dinner! Great opportunity to bring friend.

Thanksgiving Service: Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be **Wednesday, November 26 at 6pm**. This is a brief service where we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Following the service, stick around to help us decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season! Childcare will be available through Pre-K.

Volunteer Greeters Needed: We are looking for friendly faces to welcome people to Redeemer! If you would be interested in joining our Get Connected ministry, please reach out to Chris Van Alstine (christopher@redeemwinterhaven.org).

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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