



# REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

*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 City Church 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.*



*January 9, 2021 – First Sunday after Epiphany*

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## **Season of the Cross:** Green for Ordinary Time

The Season after Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as "ordinary time;" and it runs from Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. During Epiphany we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God's grace in revealing the Light to the world.

**Call to Worship:** Adapted from Ephesians 1 & Revelation 5:13  
*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

Leader: We, whom he has redeemed, will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;

**ALL: because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.**

Leader: Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Let us praise him by saying:

**ALL: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive all honor and glory and praise!**

## **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 Ye Sinners

## **Reading of the Law: Matthew 7:1-5**

*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.*

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

## **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).*

## **Song of Repentance**

*In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.*

Love Comes Down

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:12-14**

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

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

## 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*

His Mercy Is More  
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

## Sacrament of Baptism

*The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).*

Wesley James Oram

## Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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.*

## Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** 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.*

Luke 17:1-10 (see insert)

## Song of Response & Sending

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

Nothing But the Blood

## 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. Amen.

## Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Pg. 876 (Luke 17:1-10 ESV)

## Resources

Gregory Jones, *Embodying Forgiveness*

Tim Keller, *Serving Each Other Through Forgiveness & Reconciliation*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

**Sermon Series:** Graced  
**Sermon Title:** The Grace of Forgiveness  
**Date:** January 9, 2022

## **I. THE CHALLENGE OF FORGIVENESS**

*"To err is human; to forgive, divine." - Alexander Pope*

## **II. THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS**

*Unforgiveness is torture, says Jesus.*

## **III. THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**

*"Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" - Hebrews 9.22*

# Announcements

**Men's Retreat:** Guys, our men's retreat has moved to **March 4-5 at Dark Hammock Ranch**. Visit [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](http://redeemerwh.org/rsvp) for more details and to register.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://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/RCCmusic](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).

**SPRING  
BUILD**

**FEB 2 - MAR 16 | 630 - 730 PM**

INFANTS - PK4	CHILD CARE
K - 5TH GRADE	CATECHISM
6TH - 12TH GRADE	YOUTH GROUP
ADULTS	VISION

**FEB 2 & MAR 16**  
WE WILL BEGIN  
WITH DINNER AT 545 PM

## 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](http://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](http://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 Jonathan Winfree, [jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

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